IEEE Winnipeg Section

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2013

University of Manitoba Engineering Information Technology Complex (EITC) - E2 - 361, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 5:30 PM

Attendance: Sherif Sherif (SS), Sam Kovnats (SK), Serge Roy (SR), Ali Mehrabani (AM), Hilmi Turanli (HT), Kathryn Marcynuk (KM), Nariman Sepheri (NS), Arthur Maciuszonak (AM), and Dario Schor (DS)

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:35

1. Approve agenda (SR/DS) – Carried
2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting (KM/SK) – Carried
3. Chair Report
   a. There is an IEEE Canada (R7) meeting in Mississauga from April 26-28, 2013. This will be a training for new executives. One EXCOMM member is funded by R7 and it would be beneficiary to send a second person for the weekend.
   b. MOTION – to allocate up to $1000 to cover the expenses for a second IEEE Winnipeg EXCOMM member to attend the R7 training in Mississauga, Ontario from April 26-28, 2013. (SK/SR) – Carried
4. Treasurer Report
   a. The financial report was submitted to IEEE Canada for 2012.
   b. SK to meet with Puyan to ensure he has access to all the financial information for the IEEE Winnipeg Section.
5. Secretary Report – Tabled
6. Reports
   a. Communications – Tabled
   b. Computer and Computational Intelligence
      i. Held 5 events related to amateur radio.
   c. EMBS
      i. On January 23, 2013, the chapter hosted on "Mechanobiology" by Mr. Tyler Grant. More than 25 people attended the lecture.
   d. EduManCom
      i. On February 17, 2013, the chapter hosted a LaTeX seminar primarily for graduate students. More than 40 people attended the event.
   e. PES
      i. SR and Dr. David Jacobson (MB Hydro) want to organize an event related to the Riel Station. Details to be discussed in April.
   f. Robotics and Control
      i. Swagelok presentation cancelled in February.
      ii. The robot mascot for the police will be ready for demonstrations by the end of the month.

      g. GOLD
- i. Raspberry Pi workshop to be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The workshop is already sold out. This is a joint event with the UofM IEEE Student Branch.
- ii. On March 25, 2013, GOLD will host a Financial Planning Seminar at the University of Manitoba.
  1. KM to book the room under SS name.
- iii. There are some outstanding funds from the Section.
  1. SK to talk to Evan Thompson.
- iv. Capstone Award
  1. Sent notice to the students. So far there is only 1 application.

      h. Life Members – Tabled
      i. WIE – Nothing to report
      j. TISP
- i. Held 3 workshops on "Programming sensors for satellites" for high school students. There were 34 students from grades 10-12 in attendance.

      k. Newsletter
- i. Difficulty collecting information from events. Will focus more on research.

      l. UofM Student Branch – Tabled
      m. Lakehead – Tabled
      n. Assiniboine – Tabled
      o. Red River College – Tabled

7. Robotics Funding Request
   a. Request for $1500 to bring Mr. Mariano Ortega from the Electric Power Research Institute for a 1 day seminar/workshop on the topic of robotic applications in power system monitoring and maintenance.
   b. $1500 is a large sum for a single event. Will match sponsors from chapters or companies.
      - i. SK will check how much money the Robotics & Control chapter has.
      - ii. NS will ask the Dean's Office for funding.
      - iii. Must check with PES.

ADJOURNED at 18:38