

IEEE Winnipeg Section Annual General Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

CALLED TO ORDER at 18:14

1. Approval of the agenda (Ian Jeffrey/Sean O'Brien) Carried
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2016 AGM (Ian Jeffrey/Aniruddha Gole) Carried
3. Prof. Jeffrey W. Martin delivered the keynote presentation on "Electromagnetic Fields for New Physics Discoveries"
4. Dinner
5. Review of 2016 Activities (Dario Schor)
 - a. Over 50 events held in total
 - b. 5 Distinguished Lecturers delivered talks in Winnipeg
 - c. The local Women in Engineering (WIE) group has been revitalized thanks to Nasim Abdollahi, with the kickoff event attracting over 65 attendees
 - d. Lakehead University has been accepted as the 40th McNaughton Learning Centre in Canada
 - e. New volunteer positions have been added to foster a stronger connection with industry
 - Professional Activities Chair: Troy Denton
 - Industry Relations Chair: Blake Podaima
6. Treasurer's Report (presented by Dario Schor)
 - a. Financial overview was presented
 - b. \$6177.80 Section rebate was received for 2016
 - Bonuses were received for all Chapters/Groups except EMBS
 - c. WIE and YP have established their own concentration banking accounts
 - d. Investments aren't generating much interest
 - Options will be discussed with the incoming treasurer
7. IEEE Canadian Foundation presentation delivered by Dario Schor (on behalf of Dave Kemp)
8. Announcement of the 2017 Executive Committee
 - a. Nominated candidates were presented
 - b. No extra nominations were received
 - c. Aniruddha Gole presented the 2017 Executive committee
 - Chair: Ekram Hossain
 - Vice-Chair: Steven Howell
 - Treasurer: Nuwan Perera
 - Secretary: Trevor Brown

9. Comments from incoming 2017 Chair (Ekram Hossain)
 - a. Wants to focus on extending outreach events and bringing more Distinguished Lecturers to the Section
 - b. Increase awareness about membership elevation opportunities (i.e. Senior Member, IEEE Fellow, etc.)
 - c. Improve the Section website

ADJOURNED at 20:34