

**IEEE Seattle Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, Oct 9, 2007
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Place: Overlake Round Table Pizza, Redmond

Attendees: Aziel Epilepsia (UW), Bob Higgins (Computer Secy), Curtis Lu (membership), Andrew Rees (Chair), Erik Godo (Secretary), Maury Miller (PACE), Dave Butcher (PSEC), Andrew Liong (Computer), Mike Becker (Computer), Zach Wydick, Jason Colberg (science decathlon), Melanie Pleft (SPU advisor), Paul Kostek, Ngocchan Nguyen (UW), Eric Carlson (UW), Melissa Cowan (UW), Avram Epilepsia (UW), Max Emrick (PES)

Meeting Minutes Approval

- Minutes for the June meeting were approved

Chair's Report – Andrew Rees

- Bylaws: I still intend to translate our bylaws into an appendix of the regional bylaws as discussed in the previous meeting. No work has occurred, hope to do before Joe takes over.
- Region 6 OpCom was held September 14th and 15th in San Diego. Key items discussed:
 - SAMIeee is being replaced by a new database - being phased out to have something better (we hope). Erik said updates to Listserv have been very nice.
 - Region 6 is endorsing Sections Congress 2011 bids from Alaska and San Francisco
 - New Graduate Student membership category will include voting rights while keeping Student member rates. GSMS can also hold Section and Chapter offices.
- Fall NWA meeting was held October 6th in Portland. I attended. Key items discussed include:
 - Sections Congress 2008 – September 19-22 – Quebec; We should budget to send at least one delegate (costs shared with Region). More attendees are recommended. Consider Chair, Vice Chair, GOLD rep. Plan on \$2000 per person without cost share, It is in Quebec.
- Student paper contest will be in Summer, area competition will be in Spring
- eNotice mailings may be being dropped by SPAM filters due to large "To" lists.
- PEL chapter will be closed as of November.
- Fall Banquet
- Prof Mengqi Zhou will not be available for the speaker. Scott Amsden will be presenting on Tidal Power
- Still looking for a new PEL Chair.
- Still looking for a new membership Chair
- New Issues: OCEANS 2010 to be held in Seattle.
- Losing PEL chapter. In November. Need to send out something to SAMIEEE listing.
- Fall Banquet planning – Was not able to leave China, so our backup was a good idea.
- Still need to do. PEL chair and CAS chair – need to use e-notice. Erik to do it for both. New CAS chair will be Aziel Epilepsia – Erik to sign him up with IEEE.
- Didn't do - New issues – BJ Ford left to Montana – need new membership chair
- Still need Power Electronics Chair – Paul Biehl, willing to help but not willing to chair. Erik will send out e-mail to PEL and CAS members asking for chair.

National Science Decathlon

Jason Colberg (cranefly@sciencedecathlon.com), New Non-profit: a year and a half.

Dave Butcher had invited after they had attended PSEC meeting.

Formerly worked with Northshore school district.

Looking to take concept of integrating science and competitions to scale them down so a parent or a teacher can handle.

Zach Wydick – student with aviation high school – won nationals last year. Serving as student rep on the council.

They are starting to build the local network. Connection with history Dr. Eddy Tunsel, IEEE member involved with Mars rover and was guest teacher at SPU. Talked with teachers about the Rovers and could take technical field to 6th grade level. It is becoming 501c3 they are looking for money, last year they had money from Starbucks only. Wanted to target grant writing to get funding. Went to talk to foundations, needed more grass roots support. So focusing on science and engineering community.

6 students are grouped up and compete against another group. Teams are broken up into small groups which then compete with a four hour period. The awards and the competition happen in one day. Want to do 9 tournaments this year (2 in Washington). Targeting 120 teams – had trouble with people paying entrance fees. \$200 increment to sponsor a school (one team). Going for 100 nationally, have 3 now paying. Want another 18-20 for Washington.

They have a board with 17 directors nationwide. 100% volunteer now. Want to connect with IEEE and work with individuals. Other local support is PSEC – science teacher association, Northshore, Northshore public education foundation. Have not focused on the Puget Sound area. Have written grants to Boeing and Microsoft. Had trouble with Boeing. Timeline is short, October 15th-November 1st.

Also want professional support of volunteers to help with scoring, etc.

- Motion to fund them at \$1000 to get them started. We won't commit this next year. Motion granted.
- Send out info via datalink.

Vice Chair's Report – Joe Decuir

- See report
- Shirts design completed.
- Comment on extras for sale. Only order minimum to sell at banquet and senior member drive. Joe wanted to give them to the judges of paper contest.
- Student Paper contest – Mithun helping. Same rules at NW area. Have in mid-March, on Saturday. Announce in fall banquet, then submit paper 2/1/08 then results 2/27/08 out. Then submit PowerPoint presentation on those that qualify (12 papers). Invite all student chapters. Use NW area rules and make it to only undergraduate.

Secretary's Report – Erik Godo

- Worked on shirts
- Forgot to send out info for PEL to invigorate it
- Did not send out request for awards chair
- Did not sign up Aziel Epilepsia for CAS chair

PACE Report – Maury Miller

- October 4th had someone speak from had 7-8 people there.
- PSEC - Innovation in global economy – design squad, SPAC, how to interview, slides up on region 6 – will send url to excom.
- Russell Harris on grass root activism
- PSEC meeting – first Monday of the month
- Asked, and never had the need for a merchant account. 123signup was used to do credit card processing.

Membership - Curtis Lu

- Senior membership drive. E-mailed senior members got 18 volunteers. Need to RSVP. Going to send e-mail Need some money for this also (\$500 for budget item for yearly expenses). Hope to make it back with Region 6 dollars.

GOLD – Mithun Banerjee

- Nothing much last month – want another meeting by end of this year, planning on two meetings to stay solvent

PSEC – Dave Butcher

- Yet another call out for volunteers for mentoring night.
- 2007-2008 dues are due. \$462.64 – will notify Del Johnson

AELC – Paul Kostek

- Started to be general engineers, but now construction only (architects, surveyors, etc.), and employer-based also compared to before grass roots
- Motion we don't renew. Use the money as a fund to PSEC, AIAA, WSA, PACE, dues for WRC (~\$150) (will now post them to web site)
- Motion approved to drop out and create fund (government relations / public affairs)

Consultants Network – 65 people, hope to re-invigorate and have meetings every other month, we pop up high in the local searches for consultants.

Chapter Reports:

Computer Society – Andrew Liang

- Going to have formal method presentation – now October 25th
- Hoping to get several students also
- IEEE business card is progressing well

Power Engineering – Max Emrick

- Engineers without borders actually had someone show up from the town they helped
- Other updates for things they had

Student Chapters:

University of Washington – Aziel Epilepsia

- Fall events starting up
- mock interview resume reviews
- Corporate info sessions – requested corporations to provide refreshment money.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

- Next meeting is November 13th.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Erik Godo