

**IEEE Seattle Section  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009**

**Time: 6 - 8 p.m.**

**Place: Overlake Round Table Pizza, Redmond**

**Attendees:**

Erik Godo (Chair), Dave Butcher (Vice Chair), Kambiz Rahimi (Secretary), Bob Higgins (Sec C-16), Sudhakar "Rei" Kumar (Devry VP), Maury Miller (PACE), Curtis Lu (Membership & GOLD), Mike Becker (C-16 Co-Chair), Jeff Rackowitz (Awards), Steve Allen (Webmaster), Gary Anderson (IAS-34 Chair), Ben Sherman (DeVry Chair), Otto Schwarzmiller (DeVry Treasurer), Niko Pagoulatos (member), Joe Martin (member)

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

- January minutes are approved after a minor correction.

**Chair's Report – Erik Godo**

- Section needs to approve and sign the its bylaws.
- Section chair will submit the Region-6 report
- Region-6 meeting will be held in Seattle Sept. 24-25
- Judges are needed for the student paper contest April 5.
- A request has come in for a presenter at a elementary school science fair. It is believed that Steve Snelling at Boeing runs a program for providing such speakers.

**Vice Chair's Report – Dave Butcher**

**PSEC – Dave Butcher**

- Web conferencing account is available, usage instruction will be posted on the section's web site. Contact Vice-Chair for password.
- Bob has agreed to research IEEE nation resources for web conferencing.
- Digitized section logo is now available at Land's End for future orders.
- UW Mentor Night is not likely to take place due to lack of interest from UW.
- Engineering Fair on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> is staffed.
- PSEC awards banquet attendees are selected.
- Seattle middle school science fair is in jeopardy due to a budget shortfall. They have asked for section's support. A \$100 contribution is proposed and approved.
- List of award contribution from 2008 are needed for reporting to IEEE national.

**Treasurer's Report – Dick Wilkins**

- A proposal is made to allocate an initial budget of \$500 for chapters, followed by another \$500 after the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting held by the chapter. The consensus is that chapter needs and meeting attendance varies widely by chapters and it is difficult to adhere to a rigid formula. The committee has decided to start with the initial budget of \$500 and approve supplemental funds as requested by chapter chairs.
- L-50 budget report is required in Feb.
- Merging of EMC books is still pending.

**Secretary's Report – Kambiz Rahimi**

- Ex-com email list is updated
- Please send me DataLink material by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month

**PACE – Maury Miller**

- Chapter meeting on Feb. 7 had 22 attendees.
- Will attend Government Affairs Committee meeting to discuss the economic stimulus package.
- Planning a networking meeting in spring.
- Will attend PSEC awards banquet.
- Will attend IEEE-USA meeting in Utah.

## **Membership – Curtis Lu**

### **GOLD – Curtis Lu**

- 21 member elevations are approved, more are still in review.
- Considering holding more elevation sessions.
- New region-6 Membership Development Chair is contacted.
- Working on a transition guide for students.
- A young engineers group spun out at the PSEC meeting on April 11. The group is planning another social event and will follow with more formal events later in the year.

### **Awards – Jeff Rackowitz**

- Presented draft Proposal for student section awards.
- Decided to hold section awards in spring to feed into area and region nominations.
- Will try to contact Region-6 awards chair to establish connection.

### **Educational Activities – Joe Decuir**

- IEEE Xplorer project is waiting for response from IEEE national.
- I have not yet had time to cultivate a 6<sup>th</sup> student branch at ITT in Everett. They might have enough EE & CS students to support one.
- This academic year's activities:
  1. Mentor nights (with PSEC)
  2. 2009 Student Paper contest (schedule below)
  3. 2009 MicroMouse contest
  4. visits to each Student Branch
  5. Pizza Feed & Game Night
- The 2009 Student Paper Contest Schedule:  
February 21: Paper entries (e.g. abstracts, etc) Note: I pushed this back a week  
March 7: Selections  
March 28: Final submissions  
April 4: Contest hosted by SPU  
April 25: Sequel: NW Area meeting in the Portland area
- Micromouse contest  
DeVry has shown interest in hosting a Seattle Section Micro Mouse contest. Students from several other student branches are starting to show interest. Example: WWU just asked if they can use budget money for this. We said yes.
- Student branch visits:  
DeVry: 10 Sept 2008  
SPU: 30 Jan 2009  
SU: 15 Jan 2009  
UW: 27 Jan 2009 joined by Andrew Liong & Mike Becker  
WWU: 28 Jan 2009  
Clearly: some branches are lively, some need help. I may return to UW and to WWU. We might also help start student branches of some IEEE Technical Societies. E.g. Dan Harrison offered to help resurrect the EMBS-18 group at UW.
- Pizza Feed  
We will have a Pizza Feed & Game night, hosted at SPU in the Spring. The venue and date has not yet been chosen. The contact is Jon Battershell ([jonb@spu.edu](mailto:jonb@spu.edu)).

### **Chapter Reports:**

#### **PES –**

- PES Local Planning Committee for PSCE Meeting March 15-18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Seattle. The local PSCE 2009 planning committee for this event is having bi-monthly meetings in 2009. The local planning committee has established a concentrated banking account for this event with approximately \$29,000 in sponsorships. There are four scheduled tutorials for the event. Over 500 papers have been submitted for the event. Five technical tours (PSE Windfarm, Sabey Data Center, Seattle City Light Control Center, Boeing 747 plant and PSE GIS substation and two companion tours (Museum of Flight and Chateau St. Michele) have been organized. The conference is advertised <http://www.pscexpo.com/> and the registration opened in December. The event is being held at the Washington State Convention Center in

Seattle.

- IEEE and PES have co-located a training class for this event. It is Plain Talk About the Electric Power Systems for the Non Power Engineering Professional. It is a three day class. It is targeted to the local industry involved in the power and energy field but not necessarily to electric power engineers and to lawyers, marketers, non-power-engineering utility personnel, power brokers, etc. This is expected to draw 50-100 attendees. The local PES is responsible for advertising and should receive some of the surplus revenue. Registration for this event closes on February 11. As of 2/10/2009 the registration is running behind estimates. National will have to make a decision on whether to leave registration open a little longer.
- The next local planning meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12th, 9am to 12:00pm, noon, at Seattle City Light. It is expected that the conference will generate some revenues for the section. This is capped at \$7,500.
- National is still estimating attendance for this conference is estimate at 1200. However, registration is running behind estimates. The conference includes an exhibition hall for vendors. As of 2/10/2009, there 70 out of 77 booths spaces sold on the exhibition hall floor. Booked exhibitors for the exposition are running at or above estimates.
- Goals for the local PES are that after this conference is over, is to:
  1. Hold elections for officers,
  2. Set up a concentrated banking account for PES conferences
  3. Set a schedule for evening lectures.

#### **C-16 –**

- Co-sponsoring a talk by Judy Estrin (CEO Jlabs, LLC) on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, titled “Closing the innovation gap”
- Planning on 4 talks for year in the following areas: virtualization, cloud computing, parallel computing, gaming
- Acquired a lead on green computing, Andrew Fanara who worked for EPA
- Working with American Association of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) on possible joint sponsorship of a presentation.

#### **IAS –**

- Working on a presentation on King County Bright Water project.
- Planning a photo shoot for the tunnel project.
- 4 meetings planned for this year, switching to a calendar year schedule.
- Reporting 25 active members.
- Interested in working closer with PES.

#### **Web Master –**

- FutureCity competition was successful with equal proportion of boys and girls participating.
- Considering hosting the section web site at lunar-pages instead of CNET. Do not recommend IEEE entity web hosting.
- Training the web master

#### **Student Chapters:**

##### **DeVry -**

- Setting up for Micro-mouse competitions. DeVry and SPU planning to participate
- Participating at Engineering Fair
- Two DeVry faculty members have expressed interest in recruiting more women into engineering by proposing hands-on projects for high school students.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by Kambiz Rahimi