

**IEEE Seattle Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, March 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), Ben Sherman (DeVry Chair), Joe Decuir (Student Activities Chair), Austin Clark, Ryan Schield, Paul Beihl, Max Emrick, Skip Denny, Anthony Rohbius, Igor Parkman, Randy Silva, Alain Anyouzoa

Meeting Minutes Approval

- February minutes are approved.

Chair's Report – Erik Godo

- Signing of the section bylaws requires Region 6 director's signature. This task is postponed until the next meeting.
- Section chair will present the Region-6 report on March 20-21 meeting.
- Region-6 meeting will be held in Seattle Sept. 24-25
- An IEEE member interested in teacher-in-training volunteers planned to attend the EXCOM meeting to discuss the need, but was not present.

Vice Chair's Report – Dave Butcher

PSEC – Dave Butcher

- Attended the IEEE-USA meeting, focusing on member contact sessions, advanced use of lists and e-notice capabilities. Use of public calendars in general media was encouraged as a way of reaching the general public.
- The session on vtools was heavily attended. Vtools (meetings.vtools.ieee.org) are a set of meeting tools developed by IEEE volunteers. These tools can generate badges, L31 forms, HTML pages, and post meetings to myIEEE and RSS feeds.
- Web-in-a-box tools are useful for generating web sites automatically, may be useful for smaller sections.
- Voting tool, finance tool, and visual-map tool for selecting meeting locations are expected to be available in 2010.
- A sample shirt was ordered, not received yet.
- PSEC south Puget Sound mentor night is planned, UW mentor night is canceled.
- Order of the Engineer ceremony is posted on the section web site.
- Attended Engineer's Fair and visited Issaquah elementary school.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Wilkins

- Have access to the concentration banking accounts and have received the section debit card.
- Sent the \$5000 seed money to the ICUWB conference folks in Vancouver.
- Working on the L-50 report due the end of the month. Sent email to EMC and Future Cities asking for their income/expenses breakdown.

Secretary's Report – Kambiz Rahimi

- Submitted L31 forms for EXCOM meetings.
- Please send me DataLink material by the first of the month.

PACE – Maury Miller

- Attended the IEEE-USA conference. Licensing standards for software engineers expected in

4-5 years. Also attended session on green power, reporting lots of opportunities in the sector. Video of keynote speeches are available on IEEE web site.

- www.recovery.gov contains information on loans and research grants.

Membership – Curtis Lu

GOLD – Curtis Lu

- Sent mass email using survey-monkey, has received 30 responses already, will summarize the results for the next meeting.
- Attended the IEEE-USA meeting, wrote blogs on all the sessions.
- Working with the Young Professional group for a social gathering on April 9, considering financing options now.
- Posted the section banner at the local power conference.

Awards – Jeff Rackowitz

- Nominations are requested for the section student awards.
- Requesting names for all award nominations.

Educational Activities – Joe Decuir

- Received feedback on the IEEE Xplorer project from IEEE national. Two clarification needed; 1) The proposal is for access to Members Digital Library (MDL) not IEEE Xplorer, 2) Peer reviews are needed before uploading the material to IEEE servers.
- The 2009 Student Paper Contest is on April 4. Five papers are accepted, deadline is extended. Area contest will be in Pasco, April 18.
- UWB conference in Vancouver is sponsored by BC Hydro, Samsung may sponsor also. Have sufficient paper submissions.
- Planning a conference call for organizing the wireless workshop.

Chapter Reports:

PES –

- [PES Local Planning Committee for PSCE Meeting March 15-18th, 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. On-line registration for this event has closed
- The final local planning meeting is scheduled for March. 12th, 1:30 – 5:00 pm, the Washington State Convention Center.
- IEEE National is still estimating attendance for this conference at 1200. However, registration as of 3/2/2009, at approximately 700, is running behind estimates. The conference includes an exhibition hall for vendors. As of 3/10/2009, all of the 77 booths spaces on the exhibition hall floor were sold.
- There is an industry sponsored dinner on Tuesday, March 17th. It is fairly low cost to the students. There are approximately 20 left out of 100 seats open to students. There are approximately 125 volunteers from primarily IEEE PES and local utility members working

on this event.

- PES and the University of Washington Cosponsored Lecture Series

A PES and the University of Washington co-sponsored lecture series has started at the University of Washington. The latest event was an Energy and Environment Seminar Wednesday March 4, 2009, 2:30 - 3:20 PM, Room 238, Mechanical Engineering Building. "Large-scale compressed air energy storage could be economically unjustifiable in an age of sustainable energy" by Amy Shen Associate Professor Mechanical Engineering, University of Washington.

- 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 –

- Andrew leong has resigned his position with the chapter.
- Planning on 4 talks for year in the following areas: virtualization, cloud computing, parallel computing, gaming
- Working on a talk on green computing, Andrew Fanara who worked for EPA
- Working with American Association of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) on possible joint sponsorship of a presentation.
- Investigating video recording possibilities at IEEE for meetings.

MTT –

- Three potential speakers, need venue, local schools are the best possibility.

PEL –

- A presentation is scheduled for March 19 on new topologies for power conversion.
- Working on the a meeting for summer.

Oceanic –

- Holding meetings at UW, new chapter chair is elected.

Student Chapters:

DeVry -

- UW responded regarding Micro-mouse contest, other schools have not. Postponing the contest until early 2010. It is proposed to hold it during Engineering Fair 2010.
- Participating at Engineering Fair
- Holding weekly meetings, switching to monthly.
- Will try to sell the fund raising project materials as kits.

SPU -

- New branch web site is up.
- Planning a food table during finals week, end of the quarter party.
- Pizza feed/Game night will be rescheduled to April 3 or April 17.
- Inviting companies for a recruiting dinner.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Kambiz Rahimi