

Meeting # 8-2014 – Minutes

Date: October 08, 2014

Time: 8:00pm (Eastern)

Place: Teleconference

Present

Anis Haque (Chair)

Rossitza Marinova

Mooney Sherman (Northern Alberta)

Patrick Finnigan (Toronto)

David Hepburn (Hamilton)

Dirk Werle (Halifax)

Murray MacDonald (London)

Witold Kinsner (Winnipeg)

Anader Benyamin-Seeyar (Montreal)

Bruce Van-Lane (ICR-Courier Advisor)

Wolfram Lunscher (Ottawa)

1. Approval of the agenda of meeting # 8-2014
Approved
2. Approval of the minutes of meeting # 7-2014 held on Sep 10, 2014
Approved with minor modification
3. Chairs report
The Chair reported that TISP Canada had sought for \$10200 for the year 2015. The budget has been reviewed by the regional committee and will be discussed at the IEEE Canada Board meeting for final approval.
4. Reports on previous action items if any
Courier #9 is completed and at the final stage of editing.
5. Review of TISP's activities and strategies for the future (all)
All members participated in this discussion. The following is a summary of what has been discussed in the meeting.
 - a) Enhancing the activities in some sections and getting new and young volunteers are important. There are people in Quebec who might have interest in TISP. Respective TISP volunteers are requested to contact them. On the contrary, there are IEEE members who do not know about TISP. It is important to reach out the K-12 educators through their forums such as STAO. TISP volunteers contacted some other sections but there was no significant success.
 - b) There was a suggestion to identify needs unique to Canada and to address those issues. As an example TISP could target the aboriginal communities in Canada. TISP could design and offer specific programs to address those issues. Such specific programs can be offered directly by TISP or in collaboration with universities those have similar programs. University of Manitoba's name was mentioned as an example. The university has several programs for aboriginal high school students such as Engineering Access

Program. It was also recommended to collaborate with other IEEE affinity groups such as WIE at the section levels. Conducting regional workshops might be a good idea too.

6. Section report (all)

The Chair has requested all TISP volunteers to submit their section activities. There was a suggestion whether high school students can attend the Extreme Programming Competition as observers.

7. Next meeting schedule

Wednesday, November 5th at 8:00pm (Eastern).

8. Other business

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm (Eastern)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anis Haque', written in a cursive style.

(Anis Haque)
Chair, TISP Canada

** Thank you Rossitza and Mooney for taking the meeting notes.*