

Meeting # 9-2014 – Minutes

Date: November 05, 2014

Time: 8:00pm (Eastern)

Place: Teleconference

Present

Anis Haque (Chair)
Rossitza Marinova (Northern Alberta)
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)
Elroys Switlishoff (Vancouver)
Manijeh Khataie (Montreal)
Saida Maaroufi (Montreal)

1. Approval of the agenda of meeting # 9-2014
Approved as presented
2. Approval of the minutes of meeting # 8-2014 held on Oct 08, 2014
Approved with minor friendly amendment
3. Chairs report
TISP report was submitted to IEEE Canada Board Meeting. The Chair has been invited as a keynote speaker at the International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT) 2014 to be held in Bangladesh on December 22nd and 23rd. The science and engineering community (academia and industry) in Bangladesh is interested to adopt the TISP Canada's model in their country for science and engineering outreach. It is a great success for TISP as it is not only doing well within the country but also encouraging others to do the same as a role model. The Chair is supposed to deliver a keynote talk immediately after the inauguration session and to conduct a two-hour workshop on the following day.
In order to have new volunteers, TISP activities should be published in the IEEE Canada's regular publications.
4. Reports on previous action items if any
Dave: Contacted ASTEC group. The preparation for STAO is ready. Have 5 members for the two panel discussions. Ontario Ministry of Education dropped out. 150 copies of the newsletter are printed.
5. TISP budget for 2015
\$9100 approved by IEEE Canada for TISP. Anis has requested the section Champions to send their 2015 budget by **November 20th**. Also, the current expenses should be claimed before the yearend. Partial support is available for arranging workshops and

meetings in some sections those are expected to be more active. This will include Windsor, the newly formed section. The new section will be contacted when they are ready.

6. TISP Canada Committee for 2015

Anis has been elected the Chair of TISP Canada for 2015. It has been decided that the TISP Canada executive committee will consist of the following four positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chair will call for nomination for these positions. In addition, TISP Canada will have the following working committees: newsletter editor(s); school liaison; outreach and publicity; Webmaster.

7. Section report (all)

Note: TISP volunteers are requested to report the section activities online. The link is available on TISP's website (For Volunteers).

Montreal: The TISP Montreal volunteers feel that their committee should be reorganized. It is not clear who is currently leading the TISP activities in the section. The volunteers have agreed to find a suitable person to lead the section.

Dirk has started the preparations for the National Engineering Month in 2015. They plan to relocate from a Mall to a Library, with much better facility for holding the event and involving the community and the library. They are also planning to extend the competition beyond Halifax, i.e., to all NS high schools.

Elroys has reported that they are also preparing for the 2015 National Engineering Month. School presentations in a local community college.

Withold from MB: 3-4 items:

1. IEEE programming competition from aboriginal schools.
2. Workshop on teaching teachers.
3. Planning Space Camp with a call for application to select the best students.
4. Discovery Camp for aboriginal high school students, a big success.

Withold also reported that IEEE Canada has approved a memorandum of understanding with UNICEF Humanitarian Technology. The objective is how to educate students to humanitarian projects. TISP could be involved.

Dirk asked if Withold had any material for the TISP newsletter.

Withold: Especially Try Humanitarian. Will provide materials. Aboriginal can be involved. He will report.

Dirk has requested more information so that this can be published in the TISP Canada newsletter.

8. Next meeting schedule

Wednesday, December 10 at 8:00pm (Eastern).

9. Other business

Anader asked about the financial support from TD Bank. He thought TISP received a second grant from TD Bank. Anis clarified that it was the first one and TISP did not receive a second grant from TD Bank.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm (Eastern)

Sincerely,



(Anis Haque)
Chair, TISP Canada

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