

Meeting # 01-2015 – Minutes

Date: January 14, 2015

Time: 8:00pm (Eastern)

Place: Teleconference

Present

Anis Haque (Chair)

Mooney Sherman (Northern Alberta)

David Hepburn (Hamilton)

Bruce Van-Lane (ICR-Courier Advisor)

Rossitza Marinova (Northern Alberta)

Murray Macdonald

Kartik Murari (Southern Alberta)

Wolfram Lunscher (Ottawa)

Anader Benyamin-Seeyar (Montreal)

1. Approval of the agenda of meeting # 01-2015
Hepburn asked to discuss the questions in the distributed document by email. Added in 4c. Approved.
2. Approval of the minutes of meeting # 10-2014 held on Dec 10, 2014
Benyamin-Seeyar asked about the coverage of STAO in the minutes; Werle will cover STAO in the Newsletter. Approved.
3. Chairs report
Haque emailed a summary of the trip to Bangladesh, where he made several presentations on TISP Canada and its activities. The Government in Bangladesh is planning to do similar outreach activities through a pilot project. The pilot project will select grade 6 level only. Haque will review the science curriculum in Bangladesh and prepare 2-3 suitable activities for grade six students in Bangladesh. He may need to travel one more time to train the volunteers. There is interest among professors in Bangladesh.
4. Reports on previous action items if any
 - a) TISP Canada committee for 2015
There are 2 vacant positions, School Board Liaison from Montreal and Treasurer. Mark Isaak's name has been proposed for School Board Liaison instead of Switlishoff; Kartik Murari has agreed to be the Treasurer.
 - b) Section budget
The approved budget was distributed. Other sections can still request for 2015 budget.
 - c) Discussion on STAO events
Hepburn has circulated 5 pages of notes which had been taken by Wolf Lunscher at the

two STAO panel discussions last November. The really important items related to the matter of cheating in exams in schools plus plagiarism and falsification of research results in Universities. These sections are highlighted in yellow in the notes. This matter is important will be the subject of much debate over the coming year. But it is not immediately clear how to tackle the problem. But the need for High Schools to emphasize the importance of ethics

Van Lane suggested we ask Prof. Chou (who had been a discussion panel member) to make a start by preparing a short article for the next TISP Newsletter. Hepburn will contact him. It is a problem in the U.S.A. as well. They should send the material to IEEE Canada Review because it is not only TISP matter.

5. Approval of budget request by the sections if any
Haque and Murari will put in a request next time.
6. Action plan for the working committees

Haque has e-mailed Saskatoon. We can do a small workshop there, if funds permit. The newly formed Windsor Section is also a target area. The Acting Chair will be contacted. MacDonald will send an email.

The newsletter editor team is hoping to publish four newsletters in 2015.

School Board Liaison – all of us to be involved with this.

7. Section report and plan for 2015

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

Also, volunteers are requested to present a tentative plan for the year 2015.

Haque reminded all those present that activities be reported online. Lunscher reported that Ottawa Section is doing an outreach activities with a children's group. They will join for an activity and will use one of the lessons plans for introducing engineering concepts. This is a whole new initiative.

Haque commented on his section. Calgary is planning to do classroom hands-on activities. Each activity is supposed to reach about 50 students on average. Haque will request a budget for this.

Sherman – School Liaison – there is a teacher's conference in Edmonton in February. It is too late for this year. But Marinova and Sherman tried very hard in the past. The organizers considered them as vendors, regardless that they said they were not. We may need to do some PR work there first – highlight IEEE – who we are, what we do, what we offer.

8. Next meeting schedule

February 11th, 2015 at 8:00pm (Eastern).

9. Other business

Haque asked all outstanding claims for 2014 be submitted quickly. Sherman wanted to propose that TISP participate in IHTC 2015 to be held in Ottawa. Deadline for paper submission has been extended till Feb 28, 2015.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm (Eastern)

Sincerely,



(Anis Haque)
Chair, TISP Canada

** Thank you Rossitza for taking the meeting notes and thank you Dave for editing the minutes.*