

Meeting # 08-2015 – Minutes

Date: October 14, 2015

Time: 8:00pm (Eastern)

Place: Teleconference

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Participants

Dirk Werle
Anis Haque
Mooney Sherman
Wolfram Lunscher
Patrick Finnigan
Haridoss Sarma
Elroys Switlishoff
Bruce Van-Lane
Anader Benyamin-Seeyar
Dave Hepburn
Sean Dunne

1. Approval of the agenda of meeting # 08-2015
Approved - Anis moved and Anader seconded
2. Approval of the minutes of meeting # 07-2015 held on September 2, 2015
Approved - Patrick moved – approved as circulated. Seconded – Anis.
3. Chairs report (Dirk Werle)
 - Budget submission for 2016 is lower than before at \$6000 and not \$9000. This is because Kash specifically asked that STAO be removed from the budget.
 - TISP-Canada Courier Newsletter #11 update (Dirk) – TCC #11 has been circulated and is in the draft form. It would be great to have the copies of this for the Board meeting. Dirk will not attend the Fall Board meeting. Bruce will be attending and will print ~50 copies of the newsletter for distribution at the meeting.
 - Web site content update
(Anis). Website contents are updated. Minutes to be available in time windows. Anis apologized for not keeping it updated but will do so soon.
 - Succession planning for TISP Canada Committee.
Dirk received a letter from IEEE Canada to commit as Chair for the TISP Canada Committee. Dirk asked for a vote of confidence by the Committee; Committee voted for Dirk unanimously (Dirk abstained). Patrick suggested we have time line to be completed by September. Each quarter we should take pulse of the Committee regarding succession issues.
4. Budget update for 2015 and planning for 2016
Approximately \$4000 available. Dirk has received some ideas and budget reports but it still leaves

with considerable amount. Dirk appealed everyone to submit proposals within a week. Dirk provided clarification for fund for high school project materials. Anader stated that Montreal Section TISP may have expenses for the Teacher session. Dirk will send a note to Hamadou.

5. Section reports and plan for the remainder of 2015.

Bruce Van-Lane requested submissions from the sections on TISP activities.

Peterborough:

Sean Dunne stated that they have TISP committee there now.

At the last executive meeting of the Peterborough PEO Chapter it was agreed to form a joint TISP committee with the Peterborough IEEE Section. One of the members of the committee is also a member of the Catholic School Board and our primary goal is to set up communication with that school system in Peterborough. The first meeting of the committee will be at a date to be set in November. Will target a meeting with the Board in January hopefully in time for some action in the second semester. Possibly one of the PEO members will come with me to STAO; Sean is working on that. Early days yet.

Vancouver:

Elroys Switlshoff is organizing a field trip to British Columbia's largest solar photovoltaic generating facility with a core of Selkirk College first year engineering students.

Also joining the field trip are 10 local high school students and 20 local Professional Engineers. The idea is to have the P.Eng.'s mentor the college students, and the college students mentor the high school students.

Southern Alberta:

Anis Haque will have a workshop for engineering MSc and PhD students. This group of people will be trained to deliver programs at different schools. The workshop will be held on Oct 31 from 9:30am to 4:30pm. There are 12 participants so far.

Northern Alberta:

Mooney Sherman is working on Panel Discussion that will include people from STEM Faculty at local universities, Department of Education, ATA and STEM Teachers.

Ottawa:

Wolfram Lunscher will have a workshop coming up next week where more presentations and activities will be held.

Toronto:

Patrick Finnigan is focused on cooperation with schools and met the teachers there. The Team will prepare their own lessons and implement them. A second team will be needed to evaluate. Winning team's plans may be on Tryengineering.

Haridoss Sarma asked about cash prizes for recognition awards to students and Dirk clarified that it is ok but to be careful with the funds and certificates can also be used for this purpose.

Montreal:

Anader stated that Montreal is working hard to get TISP off again. Hamidou is very active.

Halifax:

Dirk is working on National Engineering Month 2016 activities. Dirk missed the first NEM organizing meeting due to conference; 150 students from Halifax participated at the International Symposium on Digital Earth held on October 5th – October 9th 2015.

Note: Volunteers are requested to report the section activities online. The link is available on TISP's website http://tisp.ieee.ca/for_volunteers.html

6. STAO update

Dave: On track and under control. Will be seeing the CEO on the Thursday to solidify relationships. DEH still needs 5-6 slides about TISP Canada from Dirk (promised for this weekend) and from Murray MacDonald about TISP Ontario. Murray is not in the meeting; Dave offered to do them on Murray's behalf if necessary. Note we hope to merge these into the end of Gorham's 30-slide presentation with a view to saving a little time required to change memory sticks.

7. Next meeting schedule:

November 18th – same time same place.

8. Other business

None

9. Adjournment

9:00 PM (Eastern).

Sincerely,

Dirk Werle
Chair, TISP Canada

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