

Meeting # 09-2015 – Minutes

Date: November 18, 2015

Time: 8:00pm (Eastern)

Place: Teleconference

Phone number: 1-866-512-0904
Participant passcode: 9935797#

Participants:

Dirk Werle; Mooney Sherman; Rossitza Marinova; Geoffrey Alleyne; Anader Benyamin-Seeyar; David Hepburn; Patrick Finnigan; Bruce Van-Lane; Aleem Khalid; Murray MacDonald; Mark Isaak; Haridoss Sarman; Ahmed Abdulla; Raphae Tana; Wolfram Lunscher; Bruce Van-Lane; Hans Hovide.

Regrets: Winnipeg (Witold); Calgary (Anis); BC (Elroy)

1. Approval of the agenda of meeting # 09-2015

Dirk – Mark Isaak wishes to bring opportunities of northern TISP and STEM education to the attention of the Committee. We can add it to the agenda under other business if Mark Isaak joins us if not we will add it to the next meeting.
M/S/A

2. Approval of the minutes of meeting # 08-2015 held on October 14, 2015

Anader Benyamin-Seeyar: Report for the Montreal section corrected that Manijeh Khataie is the champion for the TISP Montreal. Added to the minutes. Anader Benyamin had mentioned that Hamadou was Chair of Montreal TISP but Ahmed is. Bruce: Number 5 – not him that requested; Dirk Werle did. Clarified.
David Hepburn: List of volunteers – someone missing in Toronto Section: Haridoss Sarma should be included. David Hepburn moved, Mooney Sherman seconded.
M/S/A

Mark Isaak joined at this moment.

3. Chair's report (Dirk)

- STAO participation

Participated in the STAO conference last week, details in Item 6. The preparation was excellent. Thanked all volunteers: Sean Dunne; David Hepburn; Haridoss Sarma; Patrick Finnigan; and Murray Macdonald. Anader Benyamin-Seeyar commented that this is great activity TISP Canada is doing. The IEEE TISP director Dr. Doug Gorham made a presentation and remarked that to his knowledge the TISP Canada Committee is the only one

worldwide that meets at a regular basis. Dirk spoke about TISP Canada on behalf of the TIS Canada Committee.

- Patrick: Newsletter #11 finalized and distributed at R7 Board meeting. Dirk Werle thanked Bruce.
- R7 Board meeting reports – have not heard from the Board.
 - o Use the travel expense forms, all the receipts as one PDF file.
 - o Bruce Van-Lane mentioned that workshops in different sections have a multiplier effect. Witold Kinsner spoke, he could not be there. Murray Macdonald was there: not much was mentioned.
- Web site content update (Anis Haque) Anis Haque absent and cannot report.

4. Budget update for 2015 and planning for 2016

Question how the expense claim are to be submitted. One pdf with all receipts, accompanied with IEEE claim excel file.

Expenses are handled by IEEE Canada, not TISP.

What expenses are covered: putting kits together; travel related.

Claim must be sent to Chair, cc Treasurer, and Secretaries.

Expense guidelines and form are at <http://www.ieee.ca/en/administration/>.

\$6000 approved.

Mooney Sherman: Kash Husain is stepping down as Treasurer.

To be confirmed: Luc Matteau (l.matteau@ieee.org) from Montreal will be replacing Kash Husain.

5. Section reports and plans for the remainder of 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*

British Columbia

Nothing to report; Elroys Switlishoff sent his regrets as he is engaged with family emergency.

Alberta

Southern Alberta: had very successful workshop with students.

Northern Alberta: nothing to report

Ontario

London: Murray Macdonald – labor issues are moving back to normal, probably not much will be done before Christmas. A contract has been ratified for Ontario though there are local board issues to clean up. It appears that things are moving to "business as usual". They already have a school visit set up for next week. He suspects any significant events are likely only possible in 2016 now.

London members (8-10) will be judging at the Lego League qualifying tournament at Western on Dec 6. This is the third year for this and involves 300+ students, teachers, and volunteers.

As David Hepburn mentioned: "We have an opportunity to exhibit and speak at the Ontario Physics Teachers Association (OPTA) conference May 12-14 in Waterloo. As we have been trying to find a champion in the K-W section, I have asked Jameson Hyde, their Chair, if this is an opportunity to kick start TISP in their section. I'll advise progress in future."

Ottawa: Wolfram Lunscher reported that Ottawa TISP has done couple of workshops, including robotics competition; TISP was given special distinguished award. There was a message.

Quebec

Ahmed Abdulla: Montreal is building stage for activities; Geoffrey Alleyne established relationship with the English school board. Ahmed Abdulla has joined the Quebec Teachers Association. The strike is making things difficult – teachers are cutting activities. They need a pamphlet and ask for a template. We have pamphlets on the website as pdf, under publications. They can be modified for other section. WebEx can be used – IEEE has a subscription and can provide phones to be used. They registered with the Teachers Association.

Ahmed Abdulla sent the following list current Montreal TISP members, to be added to all TISP Canada newsletter and communications; senior members being Dr. Anader and Dr. Hamadou

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Montreal's youtube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8GAuWBwvbl-iKU5LA0ePA>

Nova Scotia:

Dirk Werle: Resumed their regular meetings; they will have event in March with students. No further report.

6. STAO Report

Haridoss Sarma: First opportunity for him to volunteer. A presentation on different levels for Ontario. Panel presentation. Discussion on what IEEE can do for the teachers in Ontario in terms of providing information. Chair, incoming president, teacher, etc.

There were teachers and the volunteers engaged in hand-on lesson planning from TryEngineering. They built a tower – the tallest ever built at TISP event – exceeding the previous record by 0.5 cm. The information will go to the newsletter. There was a TISP Canada exhibit. There were ~130 visitors to the booth.

In brief:

- Well attended and received. STAO – built the tallest tower from the lesson plan.
- Should have more materials
- Collect names for a draw at the end of the day
- Lesson plans were hot cakes at the booth
- The session title should encapsulate the interest of the teachers and topic
- Some sessions were full while others had couple people only
- Live link with Try-engineering will be very useful at the booth.
- 1200 people attended STAO

Hans Hovide introduced himself at this point. Dirk Werle thanked all.

7. Next meeting schedule

December 16, 2015 same time and same place

8. Other business

Mark Isaak (Vancouver): My cousin, Paula Isaak, has the recently been appointed assistant deputy minister at Northern Affairs for Education and Social Development. Can TISP assist with STEM education in far flung native communities? The production of kits and lesson materials relevant to those communities perhaps? The individual First Nation would need to know best to interface. Dirk suggested that perhaps we could come up with ideas and discuss this further at our December meeting.

We take this home as a challenge for all of us and think and come next meeting with potential ideas and suggestions. Came up at the meeting in Ottawa.

9. **Adjournment:** 9:11 PM (Eastern time) Minutes prepared by RM and MS.

Sincerely,
 Dirk Werle
 Chair, TISP Canada

TISP Section Volunteers		
Section	Champion	Volunteers
Canadian Atlantic	Dirk Werle	
Hamilton	David Hepburn	
IEEE Canada Review Liaison		Bruce Van-Lane
Kingston	Aleem Khalid	
London	Murray Macdonald	Maike Luiken
Montreal	Ahmed Abdulla	Anader Benyamin-Seeyar
Montreal		Geoffrey Alleyne
Montreal		Lydia Chioukh
Montreal		Raphae Tana
Montreal		Hans Hovide
Montreal		Salam Benchikh
New Brunswick	Brian W Scott	
Newfoundland	Amy Hsiao	Brian Kidney
North Saskatchewan	Trevor Hamm	
Northern Canada	Rossitza S Marinova	Mooney Sherman
Ottawa	Wolfram Lunscher	
Peterborough	Sean Dunne	
Saint-Maurice	Adel Omar Dahmane	
Saint-Maurice	Simon Delisle	
Southern Alberta	Kartik Murari	Anis Haque
Toronto	Patrick Finnigan	Dennis Cecic
Vancouver	Steven McClain	Elroys Switlishoff
Vancouver		Mark Isaak
Winnipeg	Witold Kinsner	Kathryn Marcynuk