IEEE Meeting Minutes 8/27/20

First E-Board meeting of the semester

9:00 P.M. – 10:51:52

Attendance: Tony, James, Carolyn, Robin, Connor, Josh (at the end)

Meetings: when will we meet? Meeting types? And wonky time frames.

* The majority (everyone sans Josh) agreed on an 8pm meeting time because it’s not too late and it’s 9am KST
* Should we keep general meetings?
  + Arguments against: we have a discord that can replace the general interest meetings
  + Arguments for: they are a good time to pull in new members or let members do their own workshops, they are good for in-person collaboration
  + Verdict: we will omit them from this semester’s schedule, but we will allow time in some way for regular members to join or let them host workshops
* Officer meetings
  + We will have a big administrative officer meeting once monthly that all e board members must be present at
  + The aforementioned administrative meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00pm:
    - October 6th
    - November 3rd
  + Officers in charge of their own workshops should meet one week before their workshop to discuss things
* Workshops
  + Noor model? Round Robin model?
  + We want to kind of schedule around the CDO meetings so that we don’t have to pull members from them, or them from us.
  + Let’s not cram and make a commitment to get the workshops finished like a week in advance
  + We like a modified Robin model (the Robin Alternating Series Model) where we alternate between two days. We decided we will alternate between Wednesday’s and Thursday’s at 8:00pm
  + Workshop types
    - Ideally, new workshops
    - Reused workshops
      * Let’s try(?) to avoid them this semester since they are from last semester and fresh in people’s minds
      * If attendance is large, then maybe we can reuse them
      * Esoteric
      * Linux servers
      * Web portfolio
    - Coding interview practice
    - Host a technical talk watch party and discussion
  + James has presented a challenge to the e board: create at least one new workshop every semester! Or academic year!
  + James’ wants 10 workshops max ideally where each e board member hosts a new workshop and then an easy one
    - We all agreed on this goal and we will try to be flexible i.e. if a workshop falls through or you can’t make a worthwhile workshop then you can push your original workshop to next semester
* Talks: who do we know that we can twist into giving a talk for us?
  + Mike Sollazzo
  + James’ parents
  + Tony’s cousin
  + Muckell might let us join in on L-LC talks
  + Muckell might be a driving force in terms of getting representatives from companies to come talk to us
  + Mahnoor Amir the goat
  + Tony’s friend at Bloomberg
  + What if we get someone from the Jahnel Group or CommerceHub?
* *THE* general interest meeting
  + Wednesday 7:00pm
  + What we’ll discuss:
    - Our mission
    - Meet the e board
    - Quick skim over j board, what it means, how you can become eligible to apply for a j board position
    - Get Muckell to come?
    - Tim Boyer?
    - IBM dude (project lead of Project Blue supercomputer) who is dean here?
    - The types of workshops/talks we will host
      * We could possibly attend L-LC talks
* SA Junk
  + Tony is in charge of SA stuff, but he wants to see James rip into SA
  + James and Josh must take the Treasurer’s Exam
    - They will need to study the treasurer’s handbook and section 500 of the bylaws
  + ALL e board members must take the Empowered Bystanders training which will be hosted at several times over the semester
  + Tony needs the most recently updated constitution sent to him
* Closing thoughts
  + Robin proposes that members are given the option to make a project and then give a presentation at the end of the semester
    - Robin will try it himself!
    - Advertise it as a resume builder that you also presented to people
  + HackRPI is being held virtually November 7th-8th and we will advertise it to members in the club
  + We will probably not host our own MLH events