EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**April 2014**

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| Date: | April 10, 2014 |  |
| Place: | Waterloo Restaurant | Akron, Ohio |
| Present: | Buchanan, Richard | [RLBuchanan@neo.rr.com](mailto:RLBuchanan@neo.rr.com) |
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Robert Voss, Chair of the Akron-Canton Section of IEEE.

### Introductions

Self-introductions were made.

### Minutes of Last Executive Committee Meeting (Philips)

The minutes of the March 2014 Executive Committee Meeting were mailed out prior to the Executive Committee Meeting and copies were presented to anyone that needed such at the meeting.

Bob Osterhout offered a correction to the fore mentioned meeting minutes relative to the North East Ohio Science Fair. This correction is to word the description of the science fair as similar to the Akron Science fair, but smaller.

***Motion to approve the March 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as corrected was made by Rick Buchanan; second by Bob Osterhout; motion passed.***

### Treasurer’s Report (Rick Buchanan)

March 2014 Treasurer’s Report

The March 2014 Treasurer’s Report was mailed out prior to the Executive Committee Meeting and copies were presented to anyone that needed such at the meeting.

Highlights of the past months income & expenses were:

* Receipts from the Akron Engineers Week Banquet and the Tiny Circuits tour
* Western Reserve Science Fair expense
* March Meeting Cost
* Executive Committee Meeting Cost
* Net loss for the month of $293.63
* $175 in outstanding checks (all Science Fair awards)

***Motion to approve the March 2014 Treasurer’s Report was made by Dean Philips; second by Walter Pechenuk; the motion passed.***

After discussion on awards and scholarships not awarded due to a lack of applications, the concept of funding teacher grants was discussed as a way to benefit local students. Teacher grants would be made though ACESS. These grants are made in June, and awarded in November at the ACESS Banquet. The funds to budget this effort would come from the awards and scholarship line items.

***Motion to allocate $500 each, to fund two teacher grants, one Akron one non-Akron schools, was made by Walter Pechenuk; second by Rick Buchanan; the motion passed.***

### Meeting Report (Walter Pechenuk)

March 20, 2014 – Computer Society Meeting – Tour of Tiny Circuits, Akron, OH (Walter) – The tour was attended by 21, and was well received by the attendees and host.

The group met at the Spaghetti Warehouse for dinner prior to the tour.

### Website (Shannon Whalen)

No report, but Shannon has been keeping the website up with posting for upcoming meetings.

### Student Chapter (University of Akron)

Dr. Shiva Sastry (Faculty Advisor – Student Chapter) – emailed in a brief report that was reviewed.

Deboshri Sadhukhan (President - Student Chapter) – emailed a report that reviewed. This report highlighted the robotics competition and student conference.

### PES (Dean Philips)

No report.

The board meeting recessed at 6:35 pm for dinner and resumed at 6:53 pm.

### Computer Society

No report.

### IAS (Rick Buchanan)

No report.

Rick noted IAS will be a co-sponsor for the ACESS April Meeting on “America is Eating its Feed Corn” (See section on ACESS for more details).

### PACE (Bob Osterhout)

The Akron/Canton Section has finally received reimbursement for last year’s science fairs.

Bob will be submitting the forms to IEEE for reimbursement for this year’s science fairs and the Joint meeting with ACESS.

Plans for a membership upgrade program have been deferred until fall of 2014. This program would consist of two sessions, one to prepare the applicants to prepare their submittals, and one to review their upgrade submittals and develop sponsors. In addition to a program that would look at upgrading from Member to Senior Member, Bob would like to consider looking at a program for upgrading members to Fellow.

### Membership (Dean Philips)

A membership summary, of the section’s 594 members was sent out to the Executive Committee membership.

### ACESS (Bob Osterhout)

IEEE will host the Joint Societies Meeting in April 24 on the topic of research and development being performed within the Country. The presenter will be Dr. Richard Thompson, and the title of Dr. Thompson’s presentation is “America is Eating its Feed Corn.” This meeting will be held at the Tangiers Restaurant, Akron, OH. Cost for this program was clarified as $15 for IEEE members, $20 for non-IEEE attendees. The Section website needs to be updated to reflect these levels of cost.

IEEE needs to consider appointing a new delegate to ACESS (there are a total of 2 delegates per member society). Most of the meetings are at 411 Wolf Ledges, Dean will begin to attend as the second delegate.

The ACESS Presidents and Advisors meeting is April 17 at Prime 93. Cost is $30 per person.

### CJEC (Richard Buchanan)

CJEC’s Canton area Engineer’s Week Banquet was held on Wednesday February 19, 2014; at Skyland Pines. There were just over 100 in attendance.

CJEC awarded a $1000 scholarship to a University of Akron student, and $400 each to 5 students at Start State. To apply, the students must reside in Stark County.

CJEC is looking at the possibility of becoming more of a coordinating organization for member societies (similar to ACESS), the current focus is on a joint calendar, which is now running on the CJEC website (http://www.cjecnet.com/).

### Akron Engineers’ Week

No report.

### Student Chapter - Stark State (Verne)

We have not heard back from the College on their selection of an outstanding student for an IEEE award.

We have not heard from the College regarding the Robotics program.

### Meetings Schedule

April 24, 2014 – Joint Societies Meeting (IEEE Host), Tangiers Restaurant, Akron, OH (Bob).

May 2014 - Dr. Shiva Sastry on health issues (NSF funded project).

? – Stark State Alternative Energy (Solar/Fuel Cell) Lab tour, Canton, OH (Verne).

? – Hazards of Induced Voltages and Currents (Dean).

September 2014 – Tour of Great Lakes Brewery, Cleveland, OH.

Summer Meeting – Ohio Light Opera, *O Lady, O Lady* is the leading contender for the program.

### Old Business

**Summer Social** – Rick passed around information on the summer social event. The society needs to pick the show at the Ohio Light Opera they are interested in seeing. Rick is still working on program selection (Old Lady Lady looks like the preferred choice) and will be managing arrangements.

### New Business

**Section Congress** – Rob Voss has registered for Section Congress next fall, paid by the IEEE Region. Any items to be placed in front of the congress need to be submitted in writing by May 16.

Rick noted that IEEE should look to increase access to electronic publications.

### The new Chair of the University of Akron EE department (Dr. Abbas Omar) would like to meet with us. Walter to invite to the next Executive Committee meeting.

### Adjournment

***Adjournment moved by Dean Philips and second by Walter Pechenuk; the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.***

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Dean E. Philips

May 11, 2014