

Minutes of the IEEE South Saskatchewan Section Exco Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 5:00pm

Venue: Zoom 963-3464-9702

Attendance: Irfan Al-Anbagi, Raman Paranjape, Kin-Choong Yow, Douglas Wagner Moeed
Shamin, Shahedur Rahman, Tessa Herzberger, Zhanle Wang, Reagan Ong

Regrets: Kaylee Turnack, Jason Whitelaw, Adam Tilson, Amin Hassan, Archana Panchu, Brent
Maksymiwiw, Chris Pikula, Lei Zhang, Usman Munawar, Victor Edoho

1. Call to Order (Irfan Al-Anbagi)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Acceptance of the previous minutes

Motion – To accept the minutes as circulated.

Carried. [Zhanle/Reagan. All in favor]

3. Acceptance of the meeting agenda

Motion – To accept the agenda as circulated.

Carried. [Raman. Doug]

4. Section Update (Irfan Al-Anbagi)

Irfan shared that he went to the IEEE website to look for help in organization of events during this trying period, but there is nothing. He also shared that the CCECE 2020 conference has been moved from May to August (actually August 30 – September 1 2020), and it may be changed to an online format too.

Irfan also shared that the \$500 cheque from our sponsorship to the Project day has been returned. Kin-Choong asked whether we are still going ahead with the student prizes. Doug replied that since we need an industrial component in the evaluation of the projects, they have decided not to award the prizes this year and shall postpone it to next year instead.

5. Financials Update (Jason Whitelaw)

Jason sent his apologies for not being able to attend.

6. CCECE update (Raman Paranjape)

Raman reported that there has been no progress yet. We are now waiting for the IEEE confirmation number.

7. Discussion on Moving Forward (Irfan Al-Anbagi)

Irfan suggested that we do web seminars. Reagan said that Rockwell gives webinars in industry best practices, new tools and technology education as well as live Q&A with industry experts. She shall find out who to contact at Rockwell.

Doug also suggested asking Ryan Jensen from Sask Research Council to give a talk. He also suggested that we postpone the talks from summer to September.

Shahedur reported that the Mock interviews in March were cancelled. Raman also reported that the education talks in March were also cancelled. He will ask David Gerhardt from Computer Science to see if he is able to give a talk. He also said that since these are online talks we need to advertise such talks more aggressively.

Doug also suggested that we try other activities like fund raising for food banks. Reagan suggested that we can organize some kind of raspberry pi challenge, and Tessa also suggested asking her boyfriend to be involved as he organizes Pokertopia and also gave talks on AI and quantum computing.

8. Any Other Business

Moeed asked all to give him the attendance numbers for all the seminars organized so that he can update vtools.

Irfan said that he will continue to conduct meetings on Zoom (preferably on the 2nd Thursday of each month). He will also ask Jason for food ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm