

IEEENA Minutes Mon 17-Apr, 2023

Zoom meeting

Attendees: **Kevin Huang Tao, Mostafa (Chair), Kenny Leong, Graham Woods, Ethan Waters, Jon Mason, Bronson, Jiajia Yang, Keziah Furnell, Yang Du, Mohan Jacob, Maryam Ebrahimpour, Melanie Olsen.**

Apologies : Ron Goodwin, Kianoush Emami, Shou-Han Zhou

Start 6:00 PM

Mostafa – Chairing.

Welcomes everyone.

Agenda changes? No changes suggested.

6:10 Mostafa – mentions attended R10 IEEE meet in Vietnam. IEEE pushing towards net zero – main agenda for 2023. Mostafa reports on the R10 meeting. Meeting was positive, and learned more about IEEE initiatives and activities, WIE and ANZCON. Discussing these activities and support for people that want to attend.

Got certificate of recognition for outstanding achievement in member retention for NA in 2022. Mostafa congratulates all.

6:15 - One area of improvement is recognition of outstanding volunteers. Can improve this by introducing awards to our volunteers.

6:16 – Mostafa - vitality award. Mostafa shows statistics of IEEE NA membership, and shows details of number of activities in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Professional development – doing ok. Section operations – almost perfect operation. Chapters have been very active. External engagement very good. Section is punching about its weight. Would like to nominate for a small section award.

6:19 – Mostafa – going back to agenda. Mohan arrives – mentions student recruitment, not recently doing anything at all. From April onwards, the joining fee is only 50%. If we do a good membership drive, then we have a good opportunity to recruit more students. Mohan mentions we use to do a free BBQ, and can do something similar. Mostafa acknowledges – good point from Mohan.

6:21 – Mostafa – 2023 IEEE ComSoc Chapter funding – congratulating Kevin and Mohan. Got award of 1500 US dollars for 2023 membership recruitment and retention efforts within chapter. Mohan says we should organise a good networking event, such as having OPTUS coming onboard, or have sister societies, such as another communications society outside of Australia and arrange an event with them. IEEE will work with Mohan and Kevin on this.

6:25 – Mostafa – congratulations to Melanie Olsen, being one of 65 volunteers across whole IEEE completing the 2022 IEEE MGA Volunteer Leadership Training – VOLT. They won first prize for team project.

6:26 – Thanking Ethan and Kevin for submitting articles for R10 letter, which was about Student Branch Activities and the distinguished lecture in Cairns.

6:28 – Mostafa – discusses details about Section Congress 2023, August – Ottawa, Canada. Mostafa is attending the event fully covered by IEEE and R10. This year, the congress does not support secondary delegates, which used to be partly supported.

6:29 – Mostafa thanking Ethan for working on our IEEEENA website. Improvements on the website.

6:30 – Mostafa – section report. And treasurer report was submitted in time.

6:31 – Thanking Ethan for IEEE talk. And IEEE Robotic competition.

6:35 – Mostafa laptop battery ran out – disconnected.

6:36 – JiaJia asked about the amount of funds each year from IEEE. Mohan mentioned 3000 US dollars.

6:38 – Mohan discusses renewable power facilities at JCU. Hands-on activity for utilising the lab. UQ has facilities like that. There is potential for JCU facilities to be used. Maybe a technical seminar by JiaJia. Also a seminar from Yang Du. Will probably go to the industry to give the talk, and utilise the JCU space.

6:40 – Bronson mentions Cairns has activities involving power engineering professionals, and mentions whether or not we can involve that too.

6:41 – Mostafa returns. Activities for 2023 – utilising joint event opportunities as much as possible. Mostafa mentions EA doesn't want to have a broad agreement with IEEE. We can instead interact with EA locally though.

6:45 – Mostafa – most of the EA events are not free. They are paid events in general.

6:46 – Mostafa – Industry Academia Engagement Workshop by 15-May-2023. We may put in an application.

6:47 – Mohan mentions Electrical Engineering JCU capabilities. Possibilities to host workshop event in Power Engineering. Talks by JiaJia and Yang.

6:47 – Jon Mason mentions that they won't let opportunities go by. Mentions 'big day out' activity. Will speak to Mamoun about that.

6:48 – Mohan says Darwin subsection can apply separately, and we can apply separately for event funding.

6:49 – Mostafa – potential of joint events with Energy Queensland. Also in Cairns, if Yang would like to do an activity, then that would be great. Asks Yang if he knows of any PES Chairs. Yang does know at least one PES Chair. Mostafa says think about what sort of activities we want to do and organise for our members.

6:50 – Jiajia asks if we want to collaborate with other chapters in other parts of Australia. Mostafa says yes. The main point is to chat to other sections, and think of events, including thinking of members that can give a talk. There is a need to give back to members, so that they are not just paying for membership. There is no time-line. It is actually from now to the end of the year.

6:53 – Graham says they do a lot of training sessions. Has contacts in industry – not necessarily IEEE members, but could badge talks as IEEE. Mostafa encourages this and asks Graham to let us know about any opportunities.

6:54 – Mostafa says the industry and academia engagement workshop exists. Deadline is 15-May. There was an email that came to section chairs and committee members. We may apply for this.

6:55 – Any other business? No other business. Mostafa also converses with Keziah, and mentions that he will introduce Keziah to Maryam. And thanking Keziah and Jiajia for joining the Zoom meet.

6:56 – Meeting ends.