

TSV Attendance: Mohan Jacob, Iain Morrison, Kenny Leong, Melanie Olsen, Mostafa Rahimi Azghadi, Maryam Ebrahimpour, Shou-Han Zho, Janina Mazierska, Ron Goodwin, Ethan Waters.

CNS Attendance : Yang Du, Ryan.

Venue : RockPool Pavilion TSV.

Apologies : Graham Woods

Start: 6:20 PM

Mostafa opens the meet. Connecting to Cairns via Zoom.

Starts with agenda.

Approval of last AGM – Mohan accepts motion to pass the minutes, Seconded by Ethan.

Summary of the year – update. Agenda.

500 US dollar support – Kevin for Korea YWS congress. Going to pay rest of 3000 dollar to Kevin. Have been waiting to be able to pay him from our US Bank account. If not, will pay him soon from our Australian bank account.

Australia Council IEEE Extreme Award. Two teams from Australia in Top Ten. Improve for future. Hopefully next year – team for Northern Australia.

ComDoc Student Competition. Umer supervised by Kevin received honorary mention. Great achievement from our IEEEENA section. Punching above our weight.

Had great Peter Arlett event. Attended by more than 20 people. Had two speakers. Attendance wasn't as good as previous years. Something we can look at.

Overall – 2022 has been a great year. Had 30 events. Doing very well with events. Many events from YP, ComSoc and PES. PES had 6 or 7. ComSoc had 7 or 8. And other co-hosted events.

Another highlight. Supported 3 section delegates. WIP Leadership Summit in Melbourne (Maryam) in Sept; Region 10 Congress for YWS in Korea, attended by Kevin – in Sept. In Oct, student rep, Conner Keir attended ANZCON in Adelaide.

IEEEENA Section was well-represented in events. In Korea, only three other sections sent delegates. Kevin had much active involvement in events. Kevin has shown outstanding voluntary efforts. He is very happy to take initiatives and organise events, examples include teaching students to polish CV and ARC grant writing. Very active.

Had other student events. Thanks to Ethan Waters – had several events from Student Branch.

Ethan – event at local school – programming and electronics. Social event – Zumo robots, approximately 40 people participated. Also, Robot-X maritime competition. Autonomous Boat/Drone competition. Awarded for effective low-cost design. Got 20 thousand dollars of sponsorship. Team was least sponsored. Was recognised for this condition.

6:34 Mostafa – acknowledges Melanie Olsen’s help from AIMS, and Shou-Han for their help with the Robot- X boat competition. Also mentioning Mohan for assistance.

6:36 Mostafa – our Section had many online events.

Deadline for voting/election – Australia Council is 12-December. Need to discuss – who our section wants to vote for. First – congratulations to Melanie. She put her hand up for Australia Council Secretary. Melanie is now Australia Council Secretary.

Mohan had put his hand up for Vice Chair of Australia Council.

Ambrish Natu – said interested if others may support him for Chair of Australia Council. He is from ACT. Also, Fouad Karouta for the chair position nominated– also from ACT.

The present committee member unanimously agreed that our Section support Ambrish for the Chair position and Mohan for the VC.

6:43 – Mostafa – says R10 meeting is in Vietnam – Ho Chi Min City, 4&5 March. Mostafa asks if everyone supports accommodation cost and food for 1 night to attend AC meeting the day before the R10 meeting. All other Sections are attending, too. The committee approve this unanimously.

Maryam – Treasurer’s Report. Had issues transferring funds from our NextGen account in the US to our Australian account. For next year, we will need to address the issue. Maryam managed to get a card and has paid for the PA lecture catering using the card, but still cannot pay someone from the card. Only EFTPOS.

6:52 – Mostafa says require a bigger bank. Ethan says QLD Country may be capable of providing the services we need. Ethan says QLD Country fees were relatively low. They were once a credit unit, but is not a bank.

6:57 – Mostafa says need to close Bank Australia account as soon as possible and open a new account, where we can have transfer options from our US account directly and effortlessly to our Australian account. This will happen in the new year and with the 2023 treasurer.

6:59 – Member Elections. Mohan leads the election process.

7:00 PM Nominations proceed:

Ron says not interested in a position this upcoming season.

Chair : Mostafa – Melanie proposed, Jana seconded.

Vice Chair: Bronson – Mostafa proposed, Iain seconded.

Treasurer: Kenny – Ron proposed, Maryam seconded.

Secretary: Shou-Han – Mostafa proposed. Ethan seconded.

Web Master: Ethan – Iain proposed. Melanie seconded.

Technical-Activities coordinator – Yang Du – proposed by Mostafa, seconded by Melanie.

Educational-Activities: Mel Olsen – Proposed Mohan. Seconded by Mostafa.

Student Activities and Student Branch Mentor: Shou-Han – Proposed Mohan. Seconded by Maryam.

Student Branch Chair : Ethan Waters, there was no other student member present and Ethan is the current robo club president.

Membership Development Officer: Graham Woods: Proposed by Mostafa. Seconded by Ethan. Mostafa to discuss it with Graham.

Industry Liaison Officer: candidate – Graham Woods maybe – will leave open for now.

MTT Chair: Kevin – proposed by Mohan. Seconded by Janina.

MTT Vice Chair: Mohan – proposed by Mostafa. Seconded by Iain.

PES Chapter Chair: Mohan Jacob – proposed by Mostafa, seconded by Shou-Han.

PES Vice Chair: Yang Du – proposed by Mostafa. Seconded by Shou-Han

OES Chair: Melanie Olsen.

WIE – Maryam: proposed by Mohan, seconded by Janina.

Young Professionals: proposed by Mohan, seconded by Maryam.

Other business – Mel discusses VOLT program. Scaling of the program.

Finish 7:20 PM.