

IEEENA Minutes Tues 10-May_2022

Zoom meeting

Start 6:00 PM

Attendees: Kianoush Emami, Kevin Huang Tao, Mostafa (Chair), Shou-Han Zhou, Kenny Leong, Mel Olsen, Mohan Jacob, Zia Ahmad

Apologies : Maryam, Graham Woods

6:04 – Minutes approval. Passed. Kevin approved.

6:05 – Mostafa – asks for anything to add to the agenda for our meeting.

6:06 – Mostafa – have had several technical talks co-sponsored by IEEENA, PES and Comm chapters.

6:07 – Kianoush can put down the number for the joint event.

6:08 – Mostafa – Region 10. IEEE director visit to Australia. Plans to QLD has been cancelled.

6:09 – Mostafa – worked with roboclub. Applied for two IEEE funds. One for IEEE robo competition fund, and other was student branch revival fund.

6:10 – Mostafa mentions upcoming R10 conference workshop, and Kevin is representing our section. Also, 2021 IEEE PES High Performing Chapter Program award. Mostafa congratulates Graham Woods for this other grant of \$560.

6:12 – Treasurer update. Maryam is in process of being added as signatory for Bank of Australia. Currently, Mohan and Kenny can help with signatory duties. We agree to use CB account for expenses from now on. We have to use it, because the money accumulated in Bank of Australia is to be used as back-up. The bank card is still not working, as it not actually possible to use the bank card.

6:15 – Mostafa - any expense approved for transferring funds from our IEEE account needs to be written in our meeting minutes.

6:16 - Mostafa – there was a STEM fund received by Kianoush. He is going to use those funds to make purchases for activities planned. We approve to make a payment to himself or CQU after providing the receipts and invoices for the purchases. Approximately \$900.

6:17 – Can pay CQU or Kianoush. Everyone is happy with this. Mostafa raised motion. Kenny seconded the motion. IEEE NA banners, and communications to be used at the event. And need to make a report to IEEE as well.

6:20 – Mostafa’s report. Provides a brief on the recent AC meeting in Brisbane that was on 9-April 2022. Was a good and useful meeting. Learned a lot. There was a mention of IEEEExtreme prize – a programming event. We once had a team from roboclub participate in that event in the past. AC Women in Engineering forum. Australia MOU. Suggestion of an EA liaison officer within each section. Mostafa says our group is relatively small. Kianoush is a member of EA. Some mention of AC with EA meeting, but some conflict of interest.

ANZCON – to be held in Adelaide this year – was discussion about sending student members to there, but the number members here is relatively small. But in 2019, Mostafa mentions that we sent a student to ANZCON.

6:26 - Mostafa proposes that we send at least one member to ANZON. Mostafa shares the ANZCON details on-screen for viewing. Cost per student approximation \$800. Mostafa proposes/motions sending student member. Everyone is happy with supporting the trip to ANZCON. Either Ethan, Maryam or Kevin. If Ethan can't make it, then could choose Maryam or Kevin.

6:33 – Zia mentions that an email from a couple of days ago, suggests that the R10 IEEE Director may still have a chance to come to QLD – to Townsville. Possibly 10 or 11-July, 2022, according to the email. Mostafa says if the trip is confirmed, then our committee can make plans.

6:36 – Mostafa - AC section, tree planting event. Mostafa is in support of the event. Money required for the event is \$1550. Mostafa raises motion. All in support. We will pay \$150 to go to the event.

6:38 – NT Subsection Update. Mostafa gives a rundown about NT subsection history. Recently, not much communication with NT subsection. Recently, NT has asked for support for an event. IEEEENA would like to know more about the activity. And more communication is requested between NT and IEEEENA.

6:41 – Mostafa discussing '22 Rebate Schedule with respect to payments to NT subsection.

6:42 – Sina mentions that activities dropped off since Covid. Sina mentions they tried to bring at least one IEEE activity just prior to Covid. Currently still communicating with University of Sydney. Maybe can go for application to get an IEEE conference happening in Darwin. Sina says EA is keen to have communications with IEEE. Mostafa mentions that local members are happy to collaborate, while higher up headquarters – have conflicting interests.

6:46 – Zia mentions possibility of MOU renewal, and maybe new agreement between IEEE and EA. Mohan mentions that it is based on what the local chapters want to do. Mostafa says – from AC, there is currently an MOU that is currently being checked, that could later be signed. Mohan says most of the issues are that most of EA events are paid events, while IEEE events are generally free events. Sina says communications between EA and IEEE can be difficult, as members from EA can change after some time. We can still attempt establish communications.

6:51 – Mostafa – mentions the main section will support NT subsection with sufficient communications and details about events. Communicate it to Mamoun. We can discuss support within our committee. Mostafa says that he is happy to support NT subsection. We cannot immediately provide support. Will first put in agenda, and can approve if everyone is happy.

6:58 – Reporting from subsection, chapters, and branches.

NT – done.

Mohan MTT-S-Comm – another seminar 26-May.

OES report/webmaster – no report from Mel.

Membership Development – Bronson agreed to be membership development officer.

Student Branch – Shou-Han – asks about ANZCON – is it specific for students or for young professionals as well? What activities? Website was a bit unclear about details. Mostafa provides some details about ANZCON – groups come together – WIE, Young Professionals. For younger generation. Strategies. Learning the skills for being an active IEEE volunteer. Mohan says it is more focused on student activities. Shou-Han asks whether there are opportunities for our students to participate. Mohan says there are undergrad/postgrad paper competitions. Mostafa says that if there are any of these events, then Mostafa will notify everyone by email. Mostafa mentions we must have an active IEEE member.

Industry Coordinator – Joel, not present.

WIE – no report.

7:07 – Young Professional – Kevin. Managed to get into Whatsapp group of Young Professionals. Not yet able to get list of YP members in our region. Kevin mentions that there are requirements associated to cover members for travel. Mostafa says that we could likely get a member list, and send to Kevin a number. Mostafa is founding member of YP list for Northern Australia.

7:10 – End meeting.