

## IEEEENA Minutes Tues 5\_2022

Zoom meeting

Start 6:00 PM

Attendees : Bronson Phillipa, Ross Siddins, Kianoush Emami, Kevin Huang Tao, Ron Goodwin, Mostafa (Chair), Ethan Waters, Shou-Han Zhou, Kenny Leong.

Apologies : Maryam, Graham Woods, Mel Olsen.

6:00 - Mostafa and Bronson – mentioes regular short meets would be good.

6:04 – Agenda and minutes approval from previous meet.

6:05 – Mostafa – Chief Scientist (AIMS). Worked with Mel and Mohan. AIMS didn't let Mostafa attend due to COVID. So Shou-Han and Mel attended. Joint event. Had second talk initiated by Mohan – CSIRO, CSE Talk, piggy-backed by IEEE. Second Aust Council meet. Follow-up with events. Strategic planning for events. Any suggestions can be mentioned now, or later sent to Mostafa.

6:08 - AC got special offer from DELL and Medibank Corporate Health. Another initiative from Aust Council.

6:09 – Another sponsored event, retired engineers group happening tomorrow on Wednesday. Re-inventing X-ray talk. Keith Kikkert. Invite sent to all NA Section members.

6:09 – Student research contest papers. Mostafa has been involved in previous years. Mostafa will forward details to everyone.

6:10 – Region 10 director visit to Australia. Would like to visit TSV on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Will have the director attend on our future IEEEENA meetings in July. Also invite him to an exec dinner. Mohan suggests technical seminar. Mohan indicates director is an electrical engineer. Mostafa will ask if he would like to give a seminar – not necessarily technical. Could be about IEEE. Also possibility of talk on his research areas.

6:14 - Mostafa thanks Kianoush for receiving funds from IEEE for student activities.

6:15 – Mohan mentions 'blue card' to Kianoush which may be required. Guidelines for IEEE.

6:16 – Treasurer update – Mostafa attempted a couple times to activate a bank card using a toll-free number, but couldn't do it. So contacted IEEE support team. So getting help on it. Hoping to get this sorted in a few weeks. Any purchases will be made using the new card number, such as to pay for Kianoush's activity. Adding Maryam to bank signatory group for Bank Australia account. Currently, Mostafa, Mohan and Kenny – are signatories.

6:19 – Mostafa mentions AC face-to-face meeting. Accommodation was organised today. Will attend the meeting this Friday. Return to TSV on Saturday evening. Vice-chair support for trip wasn't approved.

6:21 – Any questions about AC face-to-face meeting --- send to Mostafa.

6:22 – Bronson says most organisations will have online (video conferencing). Might be nice to have a unified approach for broadcasting or notifying everyone about the events.

6:25 – Mohan says Aust Council isn't connected to the members.

6:29 – Mohan says online seminar registrations usually close 1 day ahead of the seminar.

6:30 – Nomination procedure for outstanding contribution. Ron says anyone that is recent and active is desired for nominations.

6:31 – Mostafa got an email from IEEE region 10, student members going dormant. Had meeting with Ethan and roboclub team to address the situation, and improve on it. Mohan says – number of members and no report from Student Branch. Mostafa says they will be addressing that. Ethan says that the student branch was viewed as dormant was only due to not being aware that a report was needed. Ethan is organising school event, and arranging to acquire blue card. Region 10 robot competition is being proposed. Applying for funding. Main concern is time required for successfully organise and run the event. May reach out to Darwin and Cairns for simulation. Making a team for hardware is unlikely. Students doing RobotX may not have time to develop and run the event.

6:40 – Shou-Han asks Ethan if robo-club is applying for funds for the event, and how much money might be received. Ethan mentions a few hundred dollars. Question from Shou-Han – can IEEE be a sponsor for RobotX. Mostafa says RobotX is not attached to anything. It is a JCU project. Could ask for funding. We could apply for up to three activities – each US\$200. A couple of those could go towards RobotX.

6:43 – Updates. PES – Kevin – no update. Mohan said 2 events since last meeting. 16 people altogether attended, and 6 from us.

6:43 – Followup in the 'associations' of region (Mohan) for meeting members.

6:44 – Mel is web-master Mostafa updated staff list. Add as action item – to update the webpage with staff list.

6:46 – Ron is happy to look at membership development. Mostafa suggests that Ethan involves Ron with student activities, which can tie into membership development space.

6:48 – Shou-Han says good opportunity – for RoboClub to extend beyond Townsville, into Cairns. Can think of a president for a Cairns club. Kevin is currently having conversations with students about this prospect. Shou-Han says that even Cairns could be the main team for the RobotX challenge. Mostafa said it would be great if we could even have two teams. Make some minimum deliverables for Stage 1. Shou-Han --- says good opportunity for a Cairns group to be the main group to go into the competition.

6:52 – Kevin says no update in the Young Professionals area.

6:53 – Action items – finalisation officer, and update roles of Vtools.

6:54 – Membership development plan. Mostafa will be in touch with Ron.

6:55 – Meeting end.