IEEENA Minutes Tues 6-Sept_2022

Zoom meeting

Start 6:00 PM

Attendees: **Kevin Huang Tao**, **Mostafa (Chair)**, **Kenny Leong**, **Mel Olsen**, **Graham Woods**, **Ethan Waters**, **Kianoush Emami**, **Jon Mason**, **Bronson, Sina Vafi, Zia Ahmad**.

Apologies : Ron Goodwin, Mohan Jacob, Bronson, Kianoush Emami, Maryam Ebrahimpour, Shou-Han Zhou.

6:02 – Mostafa welcomes all. New re-engaging member Jon Mason gives introduction of himself.

6:05 – Mostafa explains to Jon Mason some aspects of IEEENA, and relation with NT sub-section, and would like to have the link strengthened with NT sub-section.

6:08 – ACTION ITEM Add Jon Mason to attendee list from last meet.

6:09 – Graham approves last minutes, seconded by Kevin.

6:10 – Mostafa revisits the last meeting with the R10 Director.

6:11 – Mostafa made a proposal last time – first year engineering activity. Also proposed certificates to attendees. Quick programming/design works, and give IEEE membership. Mostafa asks if anyone has comments about this proposal. Ethan responds.

6:13 – Mostafa says keen to have discussion about this activity. Brainstorming. Also Cairns and Darwin. Kevin and Kianoush thinking of similar events. But Mostafa is focusing on first year event, and showing benefits of IEEE in terms of their own development and career development.

6:16 – Jon mentions ACS. Asks Mostafa if we have interest in that area. ACS – Australian Computer Society. Jon sends link http://itcodefair.cdu.edu.au

6:18 – Mostafa says the coding event aligns with IEEENA activities/interests. Mostafa says happy to support the activities. Hopefully will bring new members.

6:19 – Sina recommends caution, as after the code-fair, the members may no longer be students any more after the code-fair. Jon indicates there may be opportunities (entry point) for affiliation with IEEE – get affiliation, confidence, benefits from IEEE events/talks. Mostafa agrees. And some may not stay with IEEE. Although there are opportunities for membership development.

6:22 – Mostafa mentions the technical talks we have had. Couple of updates – WIA ILS held last month in Melbourne. Maryam attended. And thanks to Bronson, who chaired the committee to represent our section at R10 Korea Symposium. Kevin and Maryam are providing short reports – about gain from the events.

6:25 – Mostafa mentions Distinguished Lecturer talk – Prof. Levent Sevgi to visit our section.

6:26 - Also, had a talk to Kevin about a networking event. Mostafa supports. Objections? No objects. Mel supports. Bronson seconds.

6:27 – Mostafa says would like to have balanced events.

6:27 – Mostafa touches on IEEE Society on Social Implications of Tech (SSIT). Will be sending details of the event in an email. Just to talk to them, and understand their society better, and working with them later.

6:28 – R10 Sections website competition. Mel says key criteria is linking to media. Dead-line has passed though. Mostafa mentions Melanie created a Linked-In link to our website. Mostafa says it will be great to have our website rejuvenated.

6:29 – Melanie gives an update on the IEEENA website. **Mentions 'VAULT' event**. Getting a good template. Four to six hours of meetings a month.

6:31 – Mostafa talks about Robo-Club event – hosted by our student branch. Ethan will provide more details.

6:32 – Zia adds comments about reasons for the competition. Currently negotiating with Thailand – regarding final in Bankok – mid December. Trying to organise the final round in Bankok. By 10th Zia outlines the plans for the competition.

6:34 – Ethan outlines the Robo-X competition activities – presents details about the project.

6:35 – Zia says waiting for contact about re-imbursement associated with robotics competitions. Can claim expenses of organised activities/events. Ethan says last activity was 29 Aug – event was at local school – taught basic arduino coding, and showing basic circuitry and interfacing with arduino; and another event – Zumobot and robotic soccer – had cash prize – 16 people competing, and had spectators – spoke about benefits of IEEE. Zia says that a report about those events will be very good.

6:39 – Mostafa says we don't have a student branch account.

6:40 – Mostafa thanks Ethan for organising and holding the event. And also thanks Zia for raising the profile of IEEE.

6:41 – Ethan mentions that they mainly used their own gear/hardware for the event.

6:42 – Mostafa – FUTURE50 promotion code for students and graduate students. Fifty percent discount for 2023 IEEE membership fees.

6:42 – Calls for proposals from Mostafa – Professional Activities R10 PA Entepreneurship Initiatives. Ask Shou-Han?

6:43 – Peter Arlett lecture. Graham and Kianoush discusses possibilities – potential speakers. Possibility of two speakers. Graham indicates face-to-face event in Townsville.

6:49 – Mostafa says happy to support both Daniel and Prof. Said. Graham says estimating October for the talk. Targeting a Thursday night. Mostafa says happy to support this. Graham raises motion to invite two speakers and support flights and night accommodation. Mostafa asks for budget to be made, to put in numbers for the committee. Kevin seconds the motion.

6:51 – Mostafa says Power Engineering Society is always bringing money to the section – thanks to Graham.

6:52 – committee updates

6:53 – NT section – Sina says going to run a BBQ for membership. Requesting support for that function. Mostafa requests budget and date.

6:54 – Sina – adds extra request regarding another competition. Asks if they can work on that competition. A programming completion – maybe 'IEEE Extremes'. Mostafa requests details of the competition. Sina will provide details later.

6:56 – PES – Kianoush says likely will have a presentation through ZOOM from a speaker. Mostafa will help with advertising to members. Kianoush is interested to go to PES meeting. Mostafa requesting details.

6:59 – MTT-S-Comm – Kevin – distinguished lecturer seminar is coming up. Event is created in VTools. Talk is about electromagnetic waves. A student submitted a proposal to a competition – how to use wireless communications to improve people's lives.

7:00 – OES – Melanie. Grammar School Robotics Competition from a couple of years ago. Proposing to support.

7:01 – Membership Development – Bronson. Nothing to add, but many aspects already spoken about tonight – including student focus aspects.

7:01 – Student Branch – Ethan. Says did brief 3D printing workshop with members that regularly go to the robo-club room. Mostafa says can put these and other events in VTools.

7:03 – Mostafa says membership numbers are great.

7:03 – WIE and Treasury – Maryam not here, but has a WIE report, her attendance in Melbourne. And for Treasury – has activated her card for access to IEEE Concentration Banking – to pay for expenses regarding Kevin's Korea event. The payment will come from the IEEE account, not from our Australian account.

7:04 – Young Professional – Kevin. Mostafa says thanks to Kevin for the report. Kevin outlines the Korea congress event that he attended. Benefits of volunteering work was mentioned by the young professional, leading to future employment opportunities. Really encouraged themselves to stay as Young Professional members. Working with Engineers Australia is a benefit, to promote activities in Australia, and maybe introduce international collaboration.

7:06 – PA – Shou-Han not here tonight.

7:06 – Mostafa reviews IEEENA actions list. Membership develop plan. Updating website with officer list, done. Peter Arlett lecture – is happening.

7:07 – Other business?

7:08 – Bronson mentions an email about 'a conference approval request reminder' – received a couple of times. Raises question about a particular email received about a particular conference. Mostafa says not valid conference. Possibly not a legitimate email, based on initial review of the email.

7:08 – meeting ends.