

IEEE HUNTSVILLE SECTION
 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 January 5, 2005

1. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Keith Jadus at 11:48 A.M., at the UAH University Center. The people listed below were present and the “May Vote” category had voting privileges at this meeting.

Voting	Voting	May Vote	Non-Voting / Visitors
Keith Jadus	Frank Parris	Will Preussel	Scott Trites
Wayne L. Wolf	Corey Johnson	Woody Williams	
Willie Fitzpatrick	Will Goins	Jim Anderson	
Courtney Spivey	Eric Grigorian		

2. Jim Anderson motioned that the minutes from the December Executive Committee (ExCom) Meeting be approved. Eric Grigorian seconded the motion and it carried.
3. Jim Anderson motioned that the January Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Will Preussel seconded the motion and it carried. A request for the future 2005 budget to be formatted to fit (visibly) on 8 ½” X 11” paper was made by Jim Anderson.
4. Vice-Chair Report – Willie Fitzpatrick reported he is laying out plans for two section meetings.
5. Student Branch Update – Corey Johnson provided the report for the UAH Student Branch. The UAH Student branch met on December 3, 2004 and selected the final Plan A design (a 2 wheel design). The Student branch has begun using an Update forum <http://www.ieee.uah.edu/PHPBB2> to track the progress of the robot design and encourage information transfer between the team members. The Student branch has T-shirts for the robot team members. There was no report from the Alabama A&M Student Branch.
6. Controls – No report.
7. AES – No report.
8. Computer Society – Jim Anderson reported that the Computer Society had no meetings planned.
9. JCAM – No report.
10. EMC – No report.
11. EMS – No report.
12. GOLD – Will Goins reported he is discussing the possibility of a tour of the NSSTC/NOAA with the NSSTC educational point of contact. Woody Williams and Jim Anderson provided additional ideas for possible future tours (Browns Ferry, Saturn and Boeing Delta Rocket plant).

13. JECA –Ron Hackett presented three items under review by JECA.

- a. **Good Samaritan Law:** There is an existing law that protects doctors, medical technicians, and others responding to an emergency. An amendment to the law to include Engineers is being purposed by JECA. JECA is requesting funding for a lobbyist to support the amendment. Ron Hackett made a motion to support the amendment, but not provide funding for a lobbyist. Woody Williams seconded the motion and it carried.
- b. **JECA Budget Revision:** The JECA budget has a line item to pay part of a legislative review service used by ACEC to prepare the ACEC legislative report that is published on the JECA website. The cost is \$1500, or half of our annual dues. There is another report available from the BOL for free. That report is more focused on engineering issues. The ACEC report is focused on engineering and business issues. The additional information tracked by ACEC is not directly relevant to the practice of engineering in Alabama or to the interests of IEEE Huntsville Section. Ron Hackett made a motion to request the \$1500 fee for the reporting service be reallocated in the JECA budget. Jim Anderson seconded the motion and it carried.
- c. **ECOB/JECA Merger:** There has been a proposal to merge JECA with the Engineer's Council of Birmingham (ECOB). Ron Hackett made a motion to oppose the merger and encourage ECOB members that are eligible to join JECA. Woody Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

14. Open Issues and Action Items

- a. Keith Jadus will follow up on recommended plaque for Dr. C.D Johnson (Action Item 136 and 144).
- b. Action Item 141, a budget proposal is in work for SoutheastCon 2008, a draft letter will be developed after the budget is complete.
- c. Action Item 142, Willie Fitzpatrick will correct 4 EMC meeting records and record the annual meeting as a joint meeting with all societies/groups. All societies are expected to meet the minimum number of meetings for the 2004 reporting period.
- d. All meetings of the 2005 EXCOM meetings are scheduled (145) for room 127 of the university center at UAH, with the exception of the April EXCOM meeting.
- e. Eric Grigorian was assigned an action (146) to distribute the IEEE Huntsville Robot competition to the EXCOM for review and modification for the 2005 SoutheastCon robot runoff.
- f. Keith Jadus was assigned an action (147) to setup a date and time for the 2005 SoutheastCon robot runoff between the Student branch and UAH design class.

15. New Business:

- a. Eric Grigorian made a motion to form an ADHOC Robotics Committee and appoint Bob Robinson Chair. Will Goins seconded, and the motion carried.
- b. 2005 committee officers were recommended for appointment by Keith Jadus and seconded by Eric Grigorian. The Motion carried.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm The next meeting will be on 2/2/2005 at UAH.

Attachments to the original signed copy of these minutes: A- Sign in sheet, B- January Treasurer's Report, C – JECA Position Paper, D- 2005 Committee officers roster.

Respectfully submitted by:

Will Goins
Secretary