



Minutes

Mississauga Chapter Board Meeting

Friday, January 27, 2012
Coptic Center, Mississauga, ON
6:30 pm

Board Members Present

Khaled El-Rahi, P. Eng.
Art Kirnichansky, P. Eng.
Jana Havard, P. Eng.
Lisa MacCumber, P.Eng.
Brett Chmiel, P. Eng.
Galal Abdelmessih, P. Eng.
Rishi Kumar, P. Eng.
Katherine Diep, EIT
Amr Kaoud, EIT
Phil Maka, P. Eng.
Mirko Manojlovic, P. Eng.

Regrets:

George Nimer, EIT
Omar Al Shareeda, EIT
Wafik El Sunbaty, P. Eng.
Pappur Shankar, P. Eng.
Colin Moore, P. Eng.

1. Call to Order

Khaled welcomed the Chapter Executive and called the last meeting of the current board to order.

2. Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

Motion: To approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Moved by: Rishi Kumar

Seconded by: Art Kirnichansky

Motion passed.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November meeting minutes as amended.

Moved by: Rishi Kumar

Seconded by: Katherine Diep

Motion passed.

4. Chair's Briefing

Khaled mentioned that volunteer recognition pins would be presented at the AGM for Jana Havard, Phil Maka and Pappur Shankar.



A fundraising event for Dipika Demerla at \$500 per ticket was announced. The chapter was requested to attend. It was not recommended for any of the chapter executive to attend.

A complaint was sent by a member of the chapter about sending email blasts on Sunday.

There have been website issues and Art has fixed the known issues already.

A Chapter Penta Congress meeting was being held on January 28 and Art would be making a presentation on IT Requirements for chapters at the meeting. Khaled would also attend.

5. Annual General Meeting

Art mentioned that the AGM would be held at Credit Valley Golf Club on February 2. The setup and the food would be the same as last year. Dennis Dixon would be the keynote speaker. NO election would be necessary this year. PEO Councillors, Kim Allen, Matthew Ng, Ron Starr and Toronto and Oakville Chapter Executive would be invited.

6. Communication Committee

Art stated that the newsletter was too expensive to print for all of the chapter members due to the extra pages so it was decided to just have the newsletter sent electronically. Approximately 1100 were still printed for members that have not opted for email newsletters.

A social media event was held on January 12. There were approximately 70 attendees. A discussion on using Google+, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and other media was discussed.

7. GLP Committee

Wafik is currently out of the country. It was uncertain what the plans for the next year would be. There were no updates.

8. Entrepreneurship Event

Pappur, Mark, Brett and Katherine were on the committee for a special entrepreneurship event.

The proposed date was on the same day as the PEO AGM and it was suggested that they pick a new date. The event would be held at the Coptic Center and would have a keynote speaker, lunch, 2 breakout sessions. It was suggested that a \$40 fee be charged per attendee. Sponsors would be looked at to cover some of the costs. The committee still needs to prepare a budget and the board would need to approve the funding.

9. Education Committee

Amr discussed the First Lego League held on December 10th. Mathletics was held on January 22nd. The parents stated the questions were too difficult, however, the questions were prepared based on the provincial curriculum. Ecole Horizon Jeunesse was looking for some French speaking engineer judges. It was suggested that the chapter provide \$200 sponsorship.



Motion: To support the Ecole Horizon Jeunesse event from the approved education committee budget.

Moved by: Amr Kaoud

Seconded by: Galal Abdelmessih

Motion passed.

Brampton Chapter has requested the use of the bridge building machine in February. It was requested that it be returned in the same condition that it was given to the chapter.

10. Environmental Committee

Lisa stated that approximately 100 people attended the Fukushima event but 270 people signed up. It was suggested charging a nominal amount at every event to have better attendance. It should be stated that there will be no refunds and no registration at the door and communicated in each event's email blast.

An event with the Minister of the Environment (Jim Bradley) is proposed. Lisa would see if she could make arrangements.

No responses have been received for the Environmental Seminar from the newsletter article. Khaled stated that he was aware of a speaker.

11. EIT Committee

The EIT committee had an event on December 15th. Jeannette and Pauline from PEO head office attended. Katherine presented the EIT committee at the AGM. Galal said that 3 or 4 events would be planned for this year to develop soft skills.

12. Mentoring Committee

Rishi received 65 emails for mentors and 42 mentees. There have been 22 mentors matched with 31 mentees and 15 mentees could not be matched at the current time. A six month commitment was requested for mentors and mentees. It was suggested that a ½ day or evening event be held with a consultant and books would be handed out.

Brett suggested we need to set goals for the EIT committee for the year. Khaled suggests giving PEO 3 options for events. Rishi suggested an orientation event.

13. Treasurers Report

Jana presented the report. The total in the chequing account was \$29570 in chequing and savings accounts for the year 2011. The chapter spent 3094.01 over our PEO allotment for the year. The allotment from PEO has not been received yet.

Motion: To approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Motioned by: Rishi Kumar

Seconded: Phil Maka

Motion passed.

14. Certificate Ceremony

The certificate ceremony would be held in May. Some of the certificate holders from November would attend the May ceremony.

15. WIE Committee



Khaled stated that committee chairs must be on the Chapter Board, and that Lisa should remain as chair.

Motion: That all committees must be chaired by a Chapter Board Member.

Motioned by: Khaled El Rahi

Seconded: Galal Abdelmessih

Motion passed.

Lisa stated that an event would be held on February 8th on Starting Your Own Business. The email blast would go out on the weekend.

16. Other business

Galal stated that events should not be used for sales or marketing.

Katherine stated that approximately 40 people attended the awards event held the previous evening. Certificates were presented to the volunteers.

Mirko stated that no bylaw changes would be recommended at the AGM.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Galal Abdelmessih

Seconded by: Jana Havard

Motion passed.