# **Minutes**

Mississauga Chapter Board Meeting

Monday, March 01<sup>st</sup>, 2010

At Pickle Barrel, Erin Mills Town Centre, Mississauga.

#### **Board Members Present**

Tapan Das, P.Eng Chair

Khaled El-Rahi, P.Eng Vice Chair, Education Committee Chair

Pappur Shankar, P.Eng Immediate Past Chair

Mohan Perera, P. Eng Secretary Jana Havard, P.Eng Treasurer Allan Giacomelli, P.Eng Editor

Colin Moore, P.Eng. Board Member, West Central Regional Senior Councilor Phil Maka, P.Eng. Board Member, West Central Regional Junior Councilor

Galal Abdelmessih, P.Eng
Rishi Kumar, P.Eng.
Mirko Manojlovic, P.Eng
Certificate Ceremony Chair
Mentoring Committee Chair
Privacy & Constitution Officer

Brett Chmiel, E.I.T. EIT Committee Chair

Amalesh Chakraborty, P.Eng
Art Kirnichansky, P.Eng
Wafik El Sunbaty, Peng
Amr Kaoud, P.Eng
Environmental Committee Chair
Communication Committee Chair
Government Liason Officer (GLP)
Mentoring Committee Vice Chair

Ray Eleid, P.Eng. Ex Board Member

**Board Members Absent** 

Katherine Diep, EIT WIE Coordinador and Award Comitee Chair

Guests

Ms. Rosanna Petricia Director, Campaign & Major Gifts, Credit Valley Hospital

Mr. Greg MacDonald Manager, Credit Valley Hospital Foundation

#### 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

Pappur Shankar, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 6.45 pm.

The chair welcomed and introduced Rozanna and Greg to the board and invited Rozanna to describe their program and expectation. Both represented the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation fund raising unit.

Rozanna described their program and target milestone and urged PEO support towards the success community project. Both described few suggestions which we can work together and emphasized the importance of creating awareness among our 6000 of chapter members.

## 2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated for discussion and approved as amended.

Motion : Agenda for March 01<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Chapter Board Meeting to be

approved.

Moved By : Pappur Shankar Seconded By : Rishi Kumar

Result : All favored and motion Carried.

# 3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes of January 21st.

The meeting minutes were circulated for discussion and approved as presented.

Motion : Minutes of January 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter Board Meeting to be approved.

Moved By : Colin Moore Seconded By : Allan Giacomelli

Result : All favored and Motion carried

## 3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

#### 4.0 Future Events/Action Plan

### **Engineering Management Symposium - Pappur Shankar**

Pappur explained the status and outlined the committee's tentative plan. Board requested the working committee to come up with a plan and detail budget.

# 5.0 Election of New Board Members for 2010

Galal suggested that the chair and vice chair should not undertake any other committee chairmanships to make things unbiased and for effective chapter management. However, few members had some different opinion on this and therefore decided to have a vote.

Motion : Chapter's Chair and Vice Chair not to Chair any other committee

and include this in the Chapter's bylaws.

Moved By : Galal Abdelmessih

Seconded By : 6 members favored and 9 objected.

Result : Motion defeated.

Following members showed their interest for respective positions for 2010 chapter activities. Pappur and Ray were given the responsibilities to conduct the new appointments and elections, if any.

At first, Dr. Tapan Das was unanimously selected as the chapter chair for 2010.

Three members, Khaled El-Rahi, Galal Abdelmessih and Amalesh Chakraborty, showed their interest for the post of vice chair .. This was the only position which had multiple nominations and therefore, the board decided to conduct a secret ballot for the selection. However, Amalesh withdrew his candidacy prior to the election but the contest continued between Khaled and Galal.

All the other appointments were made by their choice and unanimously agreed.

Transitional chair, Pappur Shankar invited Khaled and Galal to describe their vision and future plans prior to start the election process.

The election concluded as choosing Khaled El-Rahi as the vice chair for the year 2010 and Khaled won the election by 10 to 5 votes. Pappur and Ray abstained.

The new appointments for the year 2010 are as follows.

Tapan Das, P.Eng Vice Chair Chair

Khaled El-Rahi, P.Eng Vice Chair, Education Committee Chair

Pappur Shankar, P.Eng Immediate Past Chair

Mohan Perera, P. Eng Secretary Jana Havard, P.Eng Treasurer Allan Giacomelli, P.Eng Editor

Colin Moore, P.Eng.

Board Member, West Central Regional Senior Councilor
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Brett Chmiel, E.I.T. EIT Committee Chair

Amalesh Chakraborty, P.Eng Environmental Committee Chair

Art Kirnichansky, P.Eng Web Master

Wafik El Sunbaty, Peng Government Liason Officer (GLP)
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Before handing over the proceedings to new chairman, Rishi Kumar extended his sincere thanks to out going chapter president Pappur Shankar for his excellent tenure and dedicated leadership and wished him all the best for his future endeavors.

#### 6.0 2010 Committee Begins

The new chair, Dr. Tapan Das addressed the new board and congratulated everyone for their new appointments. Tapan thanked his incumbent for setting up higher standards for the chapter activities and requested everyone's support for the coming year. Hence he described few action items and vision statements which he would like to practice with the beginning of this new term.

- Proposed dates for first three meetings. The meetings shall be on every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays of the month. (April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- The venue for above three meetings shall be at Peters-On-Eglinton restaurant, Mississauga.
- Requested every committee chair to send their annual plan and budget ASAP.
- Proposed mentoring budget will be \$5000 under PEO mentoring program.
- The idea of having a visible and grand town hall meeting as an example is "What will be the future of engineering profession?"
- Requested Treasure's report and Meeting Minutes at least one week prior to the next meeting.
- Get more volunteers involved to expand chapter activities.

Art Kirnichansky requested each committee chair to send half a page description about the committee for web site display purpose.

## 7.0 Treasurer's Report

Jana circulated the summary of bookkeeping for discussion. Khaled pointed out few minor corrections to the summary sheet and hence it was agreed as amended.

## 7.0 Other Business

- Galal suggested having a large scale chapter picnic with more member involvement. Few members made their comments on this and finally Amr Kaoud was assigned to organize and explore the event.
- Amr made a comment that we as a chapter should have an overall strategy in defining chapter's vision and expanding chapter horizons. Few members clarified the point and made their opinion on this.
- Khaled described his future events and invited everyone for the upcoming bridge building competition.

# Adjournment:

At 9.20 pm the Chair, Dr. Tapan Das, adjourned the meeting.

Next three meetings were scheduled as follows.

- 1) April 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm at Peters-On-Eglington restaurant, Mississauga.
- 2) May 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm at Peters-On-Eglington restaurant, Mississauga
- 3) June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm at Peters-On-Eglington restaurant, Mississauga

Minutes were prepared by Mohan Perera, P.Eng.