

IEEE Proposed Agenda

Expected Date of Meeting: February 27, 2024 8:30PM

Expected Duration: 90min

Meeting Number: 10

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/pum-sjop-ouw>

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 2. Land Acknowledgement
 3. Meeting Rules
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IEEE Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

- Juan
- Pavly
- Steven
- Rafael
- Saheen
- Disala
- Manaal
- Maddy
- Jad
- Eric
- John
- Quinn
- Frederick
- Farah
- Deniz
- Sacha
- Krystan
- Daniel Thorpinator (Late)
- Josh (Late)

Excused Absences:

- Stefan (class)

Unexcused Absences:

- Xavier

Open positions: Design Commissioner, Photonics Chair, Photonics Vice-Chair

Call to Order

Juan: The meeting was called to order at 8:42PM.

Second: Pavly

Land Acknowledgement

As we gather here today, we begin by paying our deepest respects to the Algonquin and Mohawk people, the original inhabitants and enduring stewards of the land on which we stand. This land, part of a region with a rich tapestry of Indigenous nations, remains unceded and unsurrendered, resonant with the pulse of millennia of Indigenous presence, culture, and guardianship. We recognize the Algonquin and Mohawk as the traditional guardians of this territory, a responsibility they have borne with reverence and resilience throughout the generations. Their ties to the land are ancient and enduring, woven into the fabric of their cultures and identities, a sacred connection that persists in the face of challenges and changes. In honoring the Algonquin and Mohawk, we also extend our respect to all Indigenous people who inhabit this region and to the diverse nations across Turtle Island. We are reminded that our presence here is interconnected with the longstanding histories and rich cultures of Indigenous peoples who have cared for this land from time immemorial.

We acknowledge the traditional knowledge keepers, those who carry the wisdom of the ancestors, the stories of the land, and the teachings of the natural world. They are the custodians of an invaluable legacy that continues to guide and enrich our communities. Their wisdom, passed down through generations, remains a beacon that lights the way for sustainable coexistence with the land and with each other. We also honor the courageous leaders, those who have come before us, those who stand among us, and those who are yet to emerge. Their leadership, grounded in the principles of justice, sovereignty, and self-determination, paves the path for future generations. They stand as testament to the enduring spirit and resilience of Indigenous peoples, facing adversity with strength and unwavering resolve. Lastly, we recognize the youth, the emerging generation of Indigenous leaders and knowledge keepers, who carry forward the hopes and dreams of their ancestors. They embody the potential for a future that holds respect, recognition, and reconciliation at its core.

In our acknowledgment, we affirm our commitment to learning, to understanding more deeply the history and the living legacy of colonialism. We pledge to engage in dialogue, to listen with open hearts, and to forge relationships built on mutual respect and shared purpose. We invite those who are not on this land to reflect upon the territories they occupy, wherever they may be. Resources such as native-land.ca can offer guidance in identifying the Indigenous lands on which we live, work, and gather, encouraging an ongoing process of learning and recognition.

As we walk forward, may we do so with mindfulness of the past, attentiveness to the present, and unwavering commitment to a future where the rights and treaties of Indigenous peoples are upheld and honored. In the spirit of peace and friendship, we continue to seek ways to live and work on these lands in harmony with the people who have called this place home since the beginning.

For countless generations, the Algonquin and Mohawk peoples have maintained an unbroken bond with this territory, a relationship that has never been formally ceded or surrendered. Their resilience in the face of adversity and their profound understanding of the land's secrets are awe-inspiring. We look upon their stewardship with admiration and gratitude, recognizing that their ancient wisdom continues to enrich our collective journey on this shared earth.

It is our privilege to extend our deepest appreciation to the traditional knowledge keepers who, whether young or old, stand as the living repositories of wisdom. Their profound insights, teachings, and the continuity of ancient practices offer a profound insight into the intricate web of life that surrounds us. With profound humility, we embrace the lessons of the past and present, knowing that they guide us toward a more harmonious and sustainable future.

As we stand on this sacred ground, let us carry forward the lessons of the Algonquin and Mohawk nations, the collective wisdom of Indigenous peoples, and the aspirations of those who lead us into the future. Let this acknowledgment serve as a poignant reminder of our shared responsibility to honor the land, respect its custodians, and work collaboratively for a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable world. For those who are not in Ottawa, please refer to <https://native-land.ca>.

Meeting Rules

We don't use Robert's Rules, but if you want to read the 1137 page book, Joe can send you a PDF he found online.

Speaking Order

- Point of Privilege
 - Pinky finger raised / "P" in the chat
- Clarification / Point of Parliamentary Inquiry
 - "C"-shaped hand raised / "C" in the chat
- Reply to current discussion point
 - Two fingers raised / "2" in the chat
- New point of discussion regarding current motion/matter
 - Index finger raised / "1" in the chat

Requests and Inquiries

- Point of Privilege: request for immediate assistance, requesting to be temporarily excused from the meeting, unable to hear speaker
- Clarification: asking someone to repeat what they said, expand on an acronym, or provide a definition/context to what they are saying. Cannot be used to add new material.
- Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: asking the Chair for their opinion (not official ruling) on a matter of procedure.
- Circular discussion / "Calling to Question": Calling the current discussion circular calls on the Chair to assess the immediate relevance of current discussion. If found to be circular, the Chair may allow a "Call to Question" which requires $\frac{2}{3}$ of executive support to pass. If the Call to Question passes, the motion immediately enters a vote.
 - Circular hand motion / "Circular" in the chat
 - "I would like to call to question the current motion"

Voting: Performed through raised hands, either in person or over the Google Meet, in the following order:

1. Those declaring Conflict of Interest (counted as Abstentions)
2. Those In Favor
3. Those Against
4. Those Abstaining

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Juan
- Second: Eric

Adoption of Agenda

- Motion: Juan
- Second: Manaal

Executive Updates

Juan (Chair)

- Brian and I started meeting re: Battle Royale, we're doing the funding through the Ottawa Section (already allocated, CAD1000 between uO and CU)
- Starting constitution review 1.5 with Jad, looking at both the amendments from last year (which are ratified besides the impeachment process) as well as a form for amendments for the 2024 constitution review.
- No huge updates besides that.

Steven (Vice-Chair)

- Exec bonding was a success! Farah, Pavly, and Rafael - shoutout to the i-triple GANG
- QUIZ MIEEEE! is taking place tomorrow night at 6 PM in STM 117. Please attend - will need some helping hands!
 - Fun story!
 - Will be requesting money tonight.
 - 5 people from the meeting will be attending? Roughly 19 applicants total

Frederick (Treasurer)

- Check out our actuals for the rest of the term:
<https://www.notion.so/c8daf6791538445d97c41384fd6daf45?v=7c5daaae0a904bcea62ed2d3a1e9b202>
- Summary: We have 10.5k in the bank right now and are projected to end the year with around 8k which is a good amount to leave next year's executive team with.
- We have enough to spend all our approved money but I think any new expenses should probably be covered by external funding.

Disala (McNaughton Centre Director)

- I'll grab snacks for March Next week, recommendations welcome!
- Eat up what we have left over this week!
- Please remember to not leave your gross food & drinks in the fridge
 - I'm implementing an all-exec 1-week ban on fridge access because you guys are nasty and left stuff in there over reading week
- We got lockers in CBY! They are numbers 1122-1129.
 - Locks are up on the first 4, and the books are in there from bookshelf #1.
 - The other locks are in my possession and will go on when we move the books from bookshelf #2.
 - Appreciate Manaal for helping move the books!
 - Shoutout Ethan & Nyah at ESS for hooking us up with Lockers!
- Did a lil' rearranging of the office, please keep things clean and tidy!
 - Make sure to do your routine exec-sweeps after your office-hours!
 - Thank you Steven for your great initiative on this!
- Working with Facilities on acquiring the table & chairs
 - Patrick (Facilities manager) has been on vacation, just got back so I'll follow up
- Facilities told us to just buy our own recycling bins
 - They do housekeeping on Tuesdays and don't want to give us more bins
 - They've asked us to move our extra and overflowing items to the garbage sorting center next to the water fountain
 - I'll buy bins off amazon or somewhere cheap since we have budget allocated to them
- Facilities noted two main issues with our office
 - 1 - The uOttHack bin of various items on the white IKEA Kallax shelf
 - 2 - the McN Workbench powerstrip (no surge protector, & plugged into another powerbar)
 - #1 is resolved, ty Deniz for moving your stuff
 - #2 is what I'll be motioning for below:

Saheen (Secretary)

- No updates

Jad (VP Internal)

- I have been looking for a volunteer to run the elections. Last year, nominations started on March 13th and ended on March 26th.
- Talking to JMTS teams about the embedded software event Eric's running, to see if they would like to cover anything specific their team would like

Farah (VP external)

- Had OC meeting for Battle Royal Meeting over reading week - we are still working on some of the logistics. The event will be March 22nd 5pm until March 24th 5pm.

John (VP Academic)

- Quiz MIEEE is tomorrow. That's all

Rafael (SEG Commissioner)

- No updates

Eric (CEG Commissioner)

- ECAW (Embedded Code Architecture Workshop) planning is going well. Will be making a poster to advertise is tomorrow
- Will ask someone to review the graphic on the discord.

Quinn (ELG Commissioner)

- No updates

Josh (VP Social)

- No updates

Deniz (VP Equity)

- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UIHLIG1BQcZvFi4AA3tlkkRbTpF88PcJ8WRLDwFRI7k/edit#gid=396814826>

Sacha (VP Merch)

- Patches ship tomorrow, marketing post incoming

Daniel (VP Communications)

- Making social media posts for the events going on. Working with Steven mainly. Looking into having a newsletter to represent our programs which we represent for ESS.

Rafael (Interim Design Commissioner)

- Made posts for BHM Trivia Night, QUIZ MIEEEE, exec meeting

Xavier (Translation Commissioner)

- No updates

Stefan (Webmaster)

- Updated the website
- Added meeting minutes
- Added new Hero cover
- Added Winter OH (sorry for the delay, they kept changing so I waited until the final version was up)

Pavly (VP Philanthropy)

- I have a motion below in the discussion section
- The IEEE x NSBE BHM Trivia Night Event has recently concluded, marking a successful occasion. While the turnout wasn't as extensive as anticipated, it fostered an intimate and wholesome atmosphere, enhancing the overall experience.
- A special thank you goes out to the executives who took the time to attend and support this initiative: Disala, Manaal, and Steven. Given that this event diverged from our usual programming and targeted a different audience, their commitment is commendable. This experience served as both a valuable initiative and a significant learning opportunity. I extend my appreciation to the executives who went above and beyond to attend and support. Let's collectively learn from this experience and continue supporting similar initiatives. Internal support is crucial for the promotion and expansion of such events.
- Currently, we are in the process of calculating the total amount collected for donation in collaboration with NSBE. The funds will be directed towards BEC (Black Engineers Canada), contributing to a meaningful cause within the community.

WIE Affinity Group Executive Updates

Manaal (WIE Chair) & Madison (WIE Vice-chair)

- Women in tech panel in March 20th (tentatively), panelists confirmed
- WIE Study

Discussions & Motions

Mover	Steven Li	Second	Saheen Jeyarajah
<p>Whereas, the IEEE uOttawa Student Branch successfully hosted the inaugural Quiz MIEEE event, which saw an impressive turnout of over 50 attendees, we plan to host the second iteration of the Quiz MIEEE event on Wednesday, February 28th, 2024. Providing food and refreshments at the event is deemed essential to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, encouraging greater attendance, and further promoting interaction among participants;</p> <p>Therefore, Be It Resolved That, that the IEEE uOttawa Student Branch allocate an additional \$150 to the Software Engineering Commissioner's budget for the purpose of purchasing food for the upcoming Quiz MIEEE event.</p>			
Discussion	<p>Votes for: 18 Votes against: 0 Votes of abstention: 0</p> <p><i>This motion passes unanimously!</i></p>		

Mover	Disala de Silva	Second	Saheen Jeyarajah
<p>Whereas, the current McNaughton Workbench power-bar utilized in the IEEE uOttawa Office has been identified as non-compliant with the established SITE Facilities rules and regulations, posing potential safety risks and operational inefficiencies due to the lack of a surge protector;</p> <p>Be It Resolved, that the IEEE uOttawa Student Branch approve the allocation of \$124.28 for the purchase of two (2) units of the Belkin 10 Outlet Metal Surge Protectors to be used as part of the McNaughton workbench configuration.</p>			
Discussion	<p>Votes for: 19 Votes against: 0 Votes of abstention: 1</p> <p><i>This motion passes relatively unanimously.</i></p>		

Mover	Pavly Saleh	Second	Saheen Jeyarajah
<p>Whereas, the IEEE x NSBE Black History Month Trivia Night, scheduled for Tuesday Feb 27th, 2024, is a key initiative for the IEEE uOttawa Student Branch (IEEE) in collaboration with the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE); the estimated total cost for prizes to ensure the success and competitive spirit of the event is \$200; the Engineering Endowment Fund (EEF) has generously contributed \$100 towards these costs, recognizing the value and impact of the event; and it is understood that the remaining balance of \$100 for the prizes is to</p>			

be equally divided between the IEEE uOttawa Student Branch (IEEE) and NSBE, necessitating a contribution of \$50 from each organization to meet the total prize allocation;

Be It Resolved That, the IEEE uOttawa Student Branch (IEEE) allocate \$50 from the budget to fulfill our commitment to the IEEE x NSBE Black History Month Trivia Night.

Discussion	<p>COI: 0</p> <p>Votes for: 17 Votes against: 0 Votes of abstention: 1</p> <p><i>This motion passes relatively unanimously.</i></p>
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Mover	Deniz Jasarbasic	Second	Sacha Arseneault
[STRUCK MOTION]			
<p>Deniz: The proposal wording has been changed.</p> <p>Daniel: I believe that the concern is still there. There are liabilities in terms of operations.</p> <p>Juan: This could have been brought up before ratifying the agenda.</p> <p>Daniel: I didn't have the opportunity to due to the time.</p> <p>Deniz: What are the specifics in terms of liabilities? I think it would be a shame to strike an entire motion. As I stated, I think we should focus on the motion at hand.</p> <p>Daniel: In canada there is an act. If you go to section 47, section 2, which is described as publicly distributing the document and the copyright related. There is the change to get impeached by not properly following this procedure and the law in accordance with our constitution. The only thing i can do to fulfill this is to scratch this motion. I have made efforts to communicate, however they weren't fruitful. This is the last chance we can clear ourselves of this liability to prevent copyright infringement.</p> <p>Eric: You mentioned that we would infringe copyright law. How specifically would we be infringing against this section of the act?</p> <p>Daniel: Just to clarify, I am not a legal professional, however my interpretation of this law indicates that we will be going into copyright infringement. I do not think I should be the one describing it to you in the detailed way unless i am a legal professional</p> <p>Deniz: I completely agree with your point. However, I would like if you could point out a specific line.</p> <p>Daniel: I cannot provide a specific line by line, however I see many similarities between the documents. One example is the heading names outside of uOttahack. In terms of specifics,</p>			

there are sentences which are very similar.

Steven: I want to know exactly what was copied

Daniel: I would like to say this should be addressed outside of a meeting. If this is a liability we should avoid it first, then have another motion afterwards.

Juan: I would suggest that we could have an emergency meeting for this motion if it is seconded, then scratching this motion.

Daniel: I am fine with this as long as we get a recess.

Juan: Motion to scratch this motion and have a recess to allow for a new motion and new documentation.

Secunder: Eric

Juan: The recess will be a 20-30 recess. As the motioner I would like to add a time.

Daniel: We could do 20 minutes.

Eric: Could we have it no longer than 20 minutes

Deniz: Are we striking this motion to bring a motion?

Juan: Not quite. We will strike this motion, have a recess to take into account the potential liability then considering this motion

Votes for: 13

Votes against: 3

Votes of abstention: 2

This motion passes.

This current motion is removed from the agenda.

The meeting will continue at 9:43PM and has continued.

Juan: If there is the need to bring up the motion as struck, it should be brought up as a online motion

Deniz: Can another proposal not be submitted to circumvent the issues that led to the current motion being struck?

Juan: It can be sent online so it does not need to wait for the next meeting.

Varia

- uOttahack is this weekend! 🔥

Closing Remarks

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45

Second: Disala

Daniel notably opposes.

Meeting is adjourned.