

IEEE Proposed Agenda

Expected Date of Meeting: Nov 18, 2023

Expected Duration: 60min

Meeting Number: 5

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/zyf-fouv-udb>

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 2. Land Acknowledgement
 3. Meeting Rules
 4. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
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 6. Executive Updates
 7. Discussions
 8. Varia
 9. Closing Remarks
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IEEE Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

- Sacha
- Madison
- Frederick
- Jad
- Eric
- Quinn
- Saheen
- Deniz (Virtual)
- Steven

Excused Absences:

- Disala (Family Commitments)
- Rafael (Sick)
- Pavly (Out of Town)
- Manaal (Out of Town)
- Stefan (Family Commitments)
- Ali (Out of Town)
- Daniel (Resigned)
- Saheel (Sick)

Unexcused Absences:

- John

Open positions: Photonics Chair, Photonics Vice-Chair, First-year ELG, First-year CEG rep, First-year SEG rep, VP External

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:41PM.

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

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: Jad

Adoption of Agenda

- Motion: Juan
- Second: Madison

Executive Updates

Juan (Chair)

- Finished the app for the McNaughton grant.
- Possible restructuring with SESA
- Gave updates to Sawson?

Steven (Vice-Chair)

- I will be working with Pavly on Secret Santa

Frederick (Treasurer)

- Doing reimbursements as they come

Disala (McNaughton Centre Director)

- Drafted the initial version of the McNaughton Center grant.
- Passed off the documentation to Juan.
- Sawson replied, but both S. Some and J. Beauvais did not reply, so we missed the deadline.
 - Juan: Emailed Sawson if we could get a letter of support and asked IEEE Canada for an extension
- Will look into working with Juan to ask for an extension because this is out of our control.

Saheen (Secretary)

- Meeting minutes

Jad (VP Internal)

- Created a Google sheet for volunteers
- Making a poster with Saheel to post on the front door

Daniel (VP External)

- I resigned. I sent everyone my resignation letter:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_tVFtVIU7IT06yBK7LBKQEXhUzEjKW4c2IsF5h0MpYM/edit
- Please find my transition document with all of my updates:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/12cDiQXUT39oR0ga4qN1dgtHwmhfw_YzhQvxx2857FW8/edit
- Dania (Discord: @dania4898) from IEEE Carleton is looking for someone to lead SPAC with her, please join the Discord server: <https://discord.com/invite/Qk3u5gkYMy>. I told her to contact Juan if she needs anything, but please keep her updated.
 - Juan: Will probably be extended to the new External
- I suggest running by-elections as soon as possible.

John (VP Academic)

- No updates

Rafael (SEG Commissioner)

- Engaged with Software Engineering students to address their concerns and foster student body interaction
- Promoted IEEE uOttawa Student Branch events within the Software Engineering student community

Eric (CEG Commissioner)

- No updates
- Would like to speak with someone about how to organize IEEE events. Specifically in regards to the CEG Careers Panel
 - Juan: Steven and Alae are most likely your best point of contact for this event if you need help

Quinn (ELG Commissioner)

- Touching up on technical skills for workshop creation
- Staying engaged with EE students on regular nonsense in EE

Ali (VP Social)

- No updates

Deniz (VP Equity)

- Drafted up the accessibility anonymous form. Will look to promote it next week to the student body.
- Connected with Markos from ESS to help with an event in January (potential collab). Resume roast event... Goal/vision: looking to promote to all communities not just eng, access to documents from event in both languages, accessible (virtual option and good slides).
- Will send out a lettuce meet to schedule diversity training for the executive team (which channel is best to drop this??)

Sacha (VP Merch)

- Exec merch is here, please pay before grabbing your crewneck (link in discord announcements)
- Lost merch shipment issue was delegated to Manaal (the Goat)
- Cooking more patches, will look to place an order soon

Alae (VP Communications)

- No updates

Saheel (Design Commissioner)

- No updates

Stefan (Webmaster)

- No updates

Pavly (VP Philanthropy)

- I'm hoping to finalize the preparations for the moustache event with Ali soon. Graphics must be created before the promotion campaign can begin!
- Working on the following event idea:
 - Have a Christmas movie night where admission is free, but we buy refreshments for the event and sell them concession stand style, with all earnings and proceeds going to charity.
 - It would be fantastic if the square or stripe could be set up with custom amounts on the spot so that participants may pay with card as well as cash.

- Please contact me (ping me) if you have any suggestions or comments about this event!

WIE Affinity Group Executive Updates

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

- Women in Engineering Panel set for November 30th
- Exec insta posts done
- In the process of setting up the WIE discord
- W&C Patronage package finalized (Nyah)

Juan: There are some accessibility issues with the name "Wine and Cheese"

Discussions

No discussion points

Varia

Juan: ESS has reached out about having a MD commissioner as they don't have their own sub-association. It wouldn't make sense to have their own org as they are currently 30 people. One thing that they would like is to have a committee under the MD commissioner. We would like to replicate this format with the other commissioners as well as each commissioner having a committee.

Quinn: Cool.

Eric: I am hesitant as it would be adding onto pre-existing systems which operate fine as is.

Steven: Our constitution has not been updated since the summer.

Juan: Sawson needs to approve the changes prior to us adding them to the constitution.

Closing Remarks

Juan: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00PM

Second: Sacha

Quinn opposes notably on behalf of Comms