

Academy of Electrical Engineering University of Missouri-Rolla



ACADEMY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

April 19, 1991

The annual meeting of the Academy of Electrical Engineering was held on Friday, April 19, 1991, at 10:15 a.m., in the Mark Twain Room of UMR's University Center East. The meeting was chaired by President Larry Rushing and the following members, inductees[†] and guests* were present:

William Ellis	Phil Browning	Howard Fillmer	Larry Robinson [†]
Robert Strain	Ralph Wolfram	Don Willyard	Ed Logan
Kent Swearingen	Roger Volk	Kent Martin	Jerry Swearingen
Carl Finley	James Eckhoff	Louis Rephlo	William Hord
Ed Midden	Jack Stewart	Vernon Lawson	Gene Clodfelter
Derald Morgan	Larry Rushing	Michael Apprill	Richard Gillette
Ed Denningmann	Charles Brinkman	Shanon Vinyard*	Walter Gajda*
Harriett Krewson*			

President Rushing reviewed the Academy Purpose and Goals, asked for comments, questions, none received.

OLD BUSINESS

1990 MINUTES

Motion #1: To dispense with reading of 4/20/90 minutes and accept as written.

Motion seconded and approved by all.

CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

Ed Logan presented the following proposed bylaws changes to all present:

IV.D.1. OFFICERS

1. Present wording:

"The officers of the Academy of Electrical Engineering shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. They shall be nominated and elected by and from the active membership promptly after the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The President shall serve a two year term. All other officers shall serve one year terms."

Proposed wording:

"The officers of the Academy of Electrical Engineering shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. They shall be nominated and elected by and from the active membership promptly after the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting falling in odd numbered years. All officers shall serve two year terms.

2. NO CHANGE

3. NO CHANGE

4. NEW:

The Vice-President shall succeed to the Presidency in the event that that office is vacated.

5. NEW:

The normal progression to the office of President shall be from Secretary/Treasurer to Vice-President to President.

6. NEW:

The President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint replacements to fill officer vacancies.

7. Present paragraph 4.

8. Present paragraph 5.

9. NEW:

Installation of officers shall be the last order of business at the Academy Dinner following the Annual Meeting.

President Rushing opened the floor for discussion of the changes. Ed Logan reminded the members that according to the Bylaws, the changes should have been presented to the members 30 days prior to voting.

Motion #2: Don Willyard made a motion that we suspend the "30 day" rule for this business and take a vote on the bylaws changes; motion seconded by Ed Midden, and approved by all.

Motion #3: Motion by Ed Logan to accept these Bylaws changes as presented: motion seconded by Roger Volk, and approved by all.

CONTRIBUTIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS, SENIOR SEMINAR

President Rushing addressed the meeting on the need for continued contributions to maintain our scholarship funds. Both he and Roger Volk participated in the Senior Seminar Project and requested that other members volunteer their services.

Dr. Walter Gajda, Jr., Chairman of Electrical Engineering addressed the Academy. He stressed the 2 major goals for the department are 1) continuous renewal and strengthening of the undergraduate programs highlighted by a faculty that has a "passion for the classroom," and 2) improvement of both scholarships and the graduate program. He suggested that members of the Academy could help attain these goals by their participation in the Senior Seminar Project.

11:50 a.m. Adjourned for lunch.

1:45 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

GIFT POLICIES

In response to previous questions regarding the Century Club, a memo from Don Brackhahn, Executive Director, MSM-UMR Alumni Association was given to members of the Academy to clarify the difference in giving to the association or to a specific department.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vernon Lawson, Chairman of the Nominations Committee indicated the following committee choices:

Elroy Denningmann and Ed Midden as Directors to serve 3 year terms.

William Hord (current board member) to Sec/Treas to serve a 2 year term.

Motion #4: Motion by Vernon Lawson to accept E. Denningmann and Ed Midden as Directors , to serve 3 year terms, seconded by Ralph Wolfram, and approved by all.

Motion #5: Motion to elect William Hord to serve a 2 year term as Sec/Treas, seconded by Ed Logan, and approved by all.

In accordance with the passing of Motion #2 and #3, the following officers will move up one position:

Ralph Wolfram (current Vice President) to the office of President

Jack Stewart (current Sec/Treas) to the office of Vice President

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Stewart gave the Treasurer's Report, in which he indicated that contributions were up 3%. There was discussion about matching funds, and how some companies only issue payment once per year.

Motion #6: Gene Clodfelter moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Charles Brinkmann, and approved by all.

Mr. Stewart then presented a Budget for 1991/92. Mr. J. Swearingen raised the following questions:

How were scholarship recipients selected? Who made the selections? What criteria?

It was explained that Professor Emeritus Robert Nau was in charge of the selections, and that a copy of the criteria could be found in the 4/20/90 minutes.

Motion #7: Derald Morgan moved that the 1991/92 Proposed Budget be approved as presented, seconded by Richard Gillette, and approved by all.

SENIOR SEMINAR PROJECT

Discussion on Dr. Gajda's request for participation by members of the Academy in this project.

Motion #8: Motion by Robert Strain to endorse Dr. Gajda's request for Academy participation in the Senior Seminar Project, seconded by Jack Stewart, and approved.

1991 INDUCTEES

The following names were read by President Rushing as 1991 Inductees into the Academy of Electrical Engineering:

James O. Bondi, Martha Shultz Fowler, Larry L. Robinson, and Roy A. Wilkens*

President Rushing indicated that Mr. Wilkens' absence from the induction ceremonies was excused.

Motion #9: Gene Clodfelter made a motion to accept James Bondi, Martha Fowler, Larry Robinson and Roy Wilkens into the Academy of Electrical Engineering, seconded by Ed Logan, and approved by all.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

William Hord presented a report entitled, "History of Academy of Electrical Engineering Scholarship Recipients," and asked that this report be appended to the minutes. He requested that the electrical engineering department secretary assigned to Academy duties poll the alumni records each year previous to the annual meeting, and update the past recipient history. Letters from current scholarship recipients who were unable to attend this meeting were read aloud, and are to be kept in the Academy files.

2:35 p.m. Adjourn for break.

3:35 p.m. Meeting reconvened

President Rushing introduced Professor Emeritus Robert Nau and asked that he address the membership regarding the scholarships provided by the Academy. Professor Nau stressed the importance and value of the scholarships to both the department and the recipients.

Two scholarship recipients, Donald Brundage and Michael Taphorn, were present and gave a short verbal presentation to the membership. Both explained how the scholarships affected their lives, and expressed their appreciation to the Academy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Bylaws:

A copy of the Bylaws will be mailed to all members after the changes have been typed.

Financial Contribution Profile:

27 - 28% of members contribute an average of \$195.29. Contribution range from \$25.00 - \$500.00. (This profile was presented by Jack Stewart.)

Motion #10: Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:15 p.m. by Ed Logan, seconded by Roger Volk and approved by all.

Minutes approved by: William E. Ford
Title: Secy/Treas Date: 9-4-91