

**Academy of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Minutes of Annual Business Meeting
April 5, 2002**

Richard Arnold
Richard Eimer
William Hord
Dennis Letterman
Darrel Mank
George McPherson, Jr
J. Derald Morgan
Larry Rushing
Donald Shaw
Harold Steinbruegge
Robert Strain
Julie Turley
Roger Volk
Donald Willyard
Ralph Wolfram

Lloyd Brunkhorst
Gary Fulks
Vernon Lawson
Wayne Littleton
Sandra Martin
H. Edward Midden
Charles Naslund
George Schindler
Keith Stanek
Jack Stewart
George Tomazi
Tom Van Doren
Ronald Willoughby
Robert Wilson
William Wundrack

The annual meeting of the Academy of Electrical and Computer Engineering was held on Friday, April 5, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. in the Academy of Electrical Engineering Conference Room located at Emerson Electric Company Hall. President Don Willyard chaired the meeting.

Department Chair, Dr. Keith Stanek, extended kudos to Darrel Mank on the completion of his Ph.D. Dr. Stanek delivered his "State of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering". The overview is attached.

Dr. Richard DuBroff (Scholarship Committee) presented a summary of the scholarship program. Scholarship selection criteria include leadership, financial need, and service. His summary is attached.

Jesse Lai's scholarship was \$1,750. Jesse will graduate this May and has a 4.0 grade point average. Jesse thanked the Academy for his scholarship and gave a presentation.

Dr. Keith Stanek gave an update on the department.

Daniel Treat's scholarship was \$1,500. Daniel's grade point average is 3.97. He missed 4.0, because against his advisor's advice he took 26 credit hours one semester. Daniel who normally can handle 22 to 24 credit hours found he overextended himself. One of Daniel's dreams is to win the Nobel Peace Prize in Mathematics. Don't forget his name. Daniel thanked the Academy and made a presentation.

Jason Young won a \$1,500 scholarship. Jason will graduate and continue his studies here at UMR. Jason thanked the Academy for the scholarship. He is financially independent and putting himself through school.

Molly Koester received a scholarship for \$1,750. Molly couldn't be present for the meeting, but sent a note to thank the Academy.

Julie Turley gave a presentation on the MSM-UMR Development Update. Julie talked about different campaigns in particular the "Full Circle Campaign" and the "Havener Center". Presentation attached.

Academy President Don Willyard opened the afternoon session by introducing Gary L. Fulks who is the new inductee.

The 2001 meeting minutes were approved, as distributed, after correction to the attendee list – to include the addition of Lloyd Brunkhorst.

Don Shaw presented the Income and Expenditures for March 1, 2001 through February 28, 2002. Don also presented the 2002-2003 Proposed budget.

Motion Don Shaw made a motion to approve the budget for 2002-2003.
Motion was seconded and approved.

Motion Ron Willoughby made a motion to elect Richard Eimer and Larry Rushing to serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term to end 2005.
Motion was seconded and approved.

The Membership Committee will be chaired by Charles Naslund for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Also serving on the committee will be George Schindler, Paul Stigall, and Derald Morgan. Darrel Mank has agreed to Chair the Nominations Committee.

An "Action Item" on last year's minutes stated, "the Board would investigate having new inductees submit picture/portraits for the membership book themselves as a way to reduce operating expenses in favor of increasing scholarship dollars. A discussion regarding this "Action Item" followed. The Board decided to continue with the practice of the Academy paying for the picture/portraits to keep the Academy book consistent.

Don Willyard and the Academy honored Mary Hotaling for her years of service as the Academy secretary. Mary was presented with a plaque and gifts certificates. One gift certificate was to a local garden center and the other gift certificate to a local fabric and yarn shop.

Don Willyard gave a report of his attendance at a meeting of the Alumni Association, Constituent Liaison Committee the previous October. This committee is made up of the Presidents of the five UMR Academies, as well as other campus-connected organizations. A subject of discussion at the Constituent Liaison meeting was how to maintain member interest after induction into the academies – including attendance at the annual meetings. Discussion followed as to how we, the AECE, could improve member attendance.

Don Willyard was asked at the above meeting, if the AECE Academy would support a Constituent Liaison Committee, in coordination with the Alumni Association, with financial support of a state-level lobbyist to coordinate University concerns/interests with the State Legislature. Don asked for feedback as to the views of Academy members reference such support. Discussion followed.

Motion

Derald Morgan made a motion to support that idea with discussion on a budget cap.

More discussion followed such as: What do our By-Laws state? Should make the dollar amount of any commitment firm. Get more information from the Alumni Association. Need more information from the Alumni Association. Needs to be a professional lobbyist.

Don Shaw brought up that our by-laws would not support such an expense and that the by-laws would have to be changed. Dr. Morgan stated that he believed the by-laws would allow the expense. More discussion followed with Don Willyard stating that all he need at this time was "the sense of the Academy toward the idea" and that no commitment would be made without bringing more details to the Academy and seeking concurrence of the membership.

Motion

Derald Morgan modified his motion to state that the Academy would be in favor of investigating the idea further, and in finding out the details regarding the lobbyist.

Motion was seconded and approved.

Don Willyard stated that he will monitor the Alumni Association/Constituent Liaison Committees interest in this subject, and if the Alumni Association decides to proceed, he will report back to the Academy with requested details and more specifics as to possible AECE support.

Dr. Keith Stanek asked the Academy for feedback on building an extension to our building to accommodate the growing Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for doing a mini catalog on computer engineering for high school students, and what to do to promote future engineers.

Joshua Dirksen won a \$1500 scholarship. Josh will be a junior this fall and plans to go to graduate school at UMR. Josh has worked in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department as a federal work study student for two years cheerfully doing whatever duties the secretaries need him for.

Dr. Kelvin Erickson and Dr. Hardy Pottinger discussed the Curriculum Changes As Result of Assessment of Review. Presentation is attached.

Meeting was adjourned by Don Willyard at 4:00 pm. **The next Board Meeting and Banquet of the Academy of Electrical and Computer Engineering will be on April 18, 2003.**

Minutes approved by

Don Shaw (yjr)

Date

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