
Zoom Summary for IEEE Alaska Section ExComm Zoom Meeting are ready!

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Meeting summary

Quick recap

The IEEE Alaska section EXCOM meeting covered financial updates, upcoming elections, and plans for December social and technical events. The group discussed potential speakers and venues for an upcoming seminar, with Coast Inn being the preferred location and BP as a backup option. The conversation ended with discussions about the Engineer of the Year awards process, including timeline adjustments and plans for reviewing nominations.

Next steps

- Nolan: Check ASRC conference room availability for December 5th, 10th, or 12th
- Nolan: Send e-notice to section about elections process being open and encourage nominations
- Nolan: Email Brendan Olmet from Westinghouse about potential presentation on thermal energy storage
- Robert Posma: Get check for reimbursement signed by Nolan
- Robert Posma: Maintain documentation list of student names who received \$32 cash reimbursement
- Robert Seitz: Check with Coast International Inn about venue availability for December 5th, 10th, or 12th by Friday
- Robert Seitz: Contact Marianne Pease about Westinghouse thermal energy storage presentation availability
- Robert Seitz: Contact Travis Million at GVEA about thermal energy storage project presentation
- Jeremie: Check BP Energy Center availability for December 5th, 10th, or 12th and email the group
- Eleonora: Follow up with John Riggs from Danfoss about VFD presentation availability for early December
- Eleonora: Offer CRW conference room as backup venue option if other locations don't work
- Ken: Reserve GCI room as fallback option if other venues don't work out
- Mitch: Contact Con Lu to authorize Eleonora for website access
- Mitch: Set up individual Zoom meetings with Eleonora to walk through website management
- Mitch: Send out meeting announcement for November 25th at 6 PM to consider Engineer of

the Year awards

- All ExComm members: Think about Engineer of the Year nominees and prepare short bios for candidates by November 21st
- All ExComm members: Self-nominate for officer positions in VTools by November 24th if interested in serving

Summary

IEEE Alaska Section EXCOM Updates

The IEEE Alaska section EXCOM meeting covered several key topics. Robert Posma reported on the treasurer's activities, including managing section funds and handling reimbursements for student food expenses at a recent event. Ken Pigg discussed the upcoming elections process, noting that nominations are open until November 24th and elections will be held December 22nd. The group also addressed plans for a December social meeting, with Ken reporting that their initially proposed speaker, Alex Hill, was unavailable. The conversation ended with a discussion about the need to reassess plans for the December social event, potentially focusing on a dinner with awards presentations for student scholarship winners and Engineer of the Year.

Technical Presentation Planning Meeting

The group discussed scheduling a meeting, considering options between a social evening event or a technical lunch meeting. They agreed that a technical presentation would be easier to arrange, with Ken suggesting December 12th at 11:30 AM as a potential date, though the exact location is still to be determined. Nolan mentioned he would look into potential presenters, including Westinghouse, while Eleonora shared her contact with a Danfoss representative who could potentially give a technical presentation on VFDs.

IEEE Meeting Venue Planning Discussion

The group discussed plans for an IEEE meeting on December 12th, with Ken confirming that Alex Hills, who was previously unavailable in December, could be scheduled for next year if booked early. They explored venue options, with Robert Seitz offering to check availability at Coast International, and Jeremie suggesting the BP Energy Center as an alternative with free rooms and catering. The group agreed to target three potential dates - December 5th (Friday), December 10th (Wednesday), or December 12th (Friday) - with Mitch taking notes and coordinating with Robert Seitz about checking Coast International's availability.

Thermal Energy Speakers for December

The group discussed potential speakers for an upcoming event in December, focusing on thermal energy storage projects. Nolan mentioned contacting a Westinghouse representative named Brandon about a presentation, while Robert Seitz suggested reaching out to Marianne Pease for contacts in the thermal energy storage field. The group also considered inviting Dan Foss from Danfoss or Travis Million from GVEA to speak. Robert Seitz agreed to explore these options and report back by Friday, while Jeremie said he would email the group once he received information from the BP Energy Center.

Seminar Venue and Conference Updates

The group discussed venue options for an upcoming seminar in December, with Coast Inn being the first choice and BP as a backup due to catering considerations. They agreed to book a room that can accommodate 20 people, with Jeremie tasked to check availability and room sizes. The team also reviewed progress on the Oceans Conference, where Bob reported receiving a contract for the

Denina Center and outlined plans for organizing tracks and local topics. Finally, they noted that Alon had inquired about the Engineers of the Year awards, which Ken and Nolan will ensure is communicated to the entire section.

Engineer of the Year Process Changes

The group discussed the Engineer of the Year awards process, noting that previous email solicitations resulted in no submissions. Jeremy suggested moving the selection process to the first half of the year to allow more time for nominations and campaigning. The group agreed to send out nomination forms despite low expectations for responses, and Ken proposed scheduling a special ExComm meeting in the next 1-2 weeks to discuss potential candidates. They also considered Dave Heimke as a possible candidate, though his volunteer involvement was questioned.



Engineer of the Year Award Timeline

The ExComm discussed the Engineer of the Year Award timeline, with applications due November 21st and a decision needed by the December meeting for E-Week submission on December 5th. Jeremy explained that while full resumes aren't needed for internal IEEE candidates, short bios and project descriptions would be sufficient for ExComm review. The group agreed to hold a pre-meeting before the November 21st deadline to review candidates' short bios and discuss nominations, with the goal of making a final decision at the December meeting.

Engineer of the Year Award Planning

The ExComm meeting scheduled the Engineer of the Year award discussion for November 25th at 6 PM, with members agreeing to review short bios from nominated ExComm members rather than waiting for formal applications. The group also discussed website updates, with Mitch planning to contact Con Lu to authorize Eleonora's website access and arrange individual Zoom training sessions. Eleonora indicated she would prefer to delay involvement in the young professionals initiative until after settling current matters, with the group agreeing to discuss it at future section meetings.

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