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EDUCATION COMMITTEE (EDU)

Thursday, March 13th, 2014, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

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Chair: Samer Inchasi, P.Eng.
Attendees: Ravi Peri, P.Eng.
Bruce McCowan, P.Eng.
Rouja Stefanov, P.Eng.
Elise Idnani, P. Eng.
Michael Arthur, P. Eng.
Staff Advisor: Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.
Staff Coordinator: Zahraa Al-Ali, P.Eng.
Regrets: Wanda Juricic, P.Eng.
Martha Stauch
Observer: Ramy Ghattas, EIT

Agenda Items

1.0 Call to Order

Samer Inchasi called the meeting to order at approx 7:30 pm.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Ravi Peri moved to approve the agenda. Elise Idnani seconded the motion. All present approved.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of 13 Feb 2014 meeting

Bruce McCowan moved to approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2014 meeting. Ravi Peri seconded the motion. All present approved.

1.4 Action Register review

Jeannette Chau reviewed the action items on the Action Register with the Committee and updated accordingly.

2.0 EDU HR

The EDU HR subcommittee (Samer Inchasi, Martha Stauch, Michael Arthur and Jeannette Chau) will be meeting to review the applications received for the open Student and EIT positions on the EDU committee.

Action: The EDU HR subcommittee to review the potential candidates and make a recommendation to EDU at the next meeting.

3.0 EDU Conference 2014

Martha Stauch updated the committee with the status of the 2014 EDU Conference. The theme for this year is "Math is all around us: practical tools for innovation". There is a morning planning sub-committee and an

afternoon planning sub-committee for the conference. Minister Sandals has been invited to be a keynote speaker. Samer Inchasi thanked Martha Stauch for facilitating the conference subcommittee and doing great work at the weekly calls.

Action: Martha Stauch will present the Education Conference Agenda for approval at the next EDU committee meeting on April 10th.

4.0 EIR RFP

Samer Inchasi updated the committee on the status of the EIR RFP. The RFP has been issued to the candidates who had responded and submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI). The proposals are due to PEO on April 3rd.

5.0 Outreach brochures status update

The Outreach brochures are still being worked on.

6.0 Special Projects Update

6.1 EIF (Engineering Innovations Forum)

Bruce and Rouja attended the Engineering Innovations Forum (EIF) held at the Ontario Science Centre on March 6th. The topic was on 3D printing. It was well attended with over 300 attendees, however only about a dozen of the attendees were students. It was suggested that perhaps student competitions at next year's event might draw more student participation. It was also noted that the PEO logo was given the same prominence as the other sponsors, though PEO is the main contributor of funding for EIF.

6.2 EnGenious Pilot project

Elise Idnani provided an update on the EnGenious program. A Teacher's guide is still required. EDU should get three quotes from potential providers. It was suggested that Let's Talk Science might be a good candidate.

Action: Jeannette Chau to obtain a copy of the APEGA curriculum.

Action: Michael Arthur to investigate potential Teacher's Guide provider

6.3 Mathletics

Elise Idnani provided an update on the formation of the Mathletics database. Only a few chapters have provided questions for the Mathletics database. Sudbury chapter is currently compiling them.

7.0 EDU Outreach

McMaster: The EDU committee was informed that McMaster University is hosting a STEM conference on May 15 and 16 targeting aboriginal students in grades 6-8. It is an EIR-like program.

Sheridan College: Sheridan has offered their facilities for EDU activities or for other PEO chapters or schools. They have very high-tech equipment available. It was suggested that we could invite Sheridan to attend the EDU conference where they could meet the chapter reps and let them know of their offer.

Action: Invitation to be sent to Sheridan to attend on the Friday night (May 23) of the EDU conference.

8.0 Special Funding Request (Lake of the Woods)

An e-motion had approved the special funding request by Lake of the Woods for \$1000.00 for their First Robotics project. The committee moved to approve it formally. Bruce moved the approval of the request. Elise Idnani seconded it. All approved.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Adjournment

The next Education committee meeting will be held on April 10th, 7:30-9:00pm via teleconference. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.