



MINUTES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE (EDU)

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

Teleconference

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

Agenda Items

1.0 Call to Order

Samer Inchasi called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Rouja Stefanov moved to approve the agenda. Ravi Peri seconded the motion. All present approved.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of 9 Jan 2014 meeting

Ravi Peri moved to approve the minutes of the January 9th, 2014 meeting. Bruce McCowan 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.

Action: Samer Inchasi to follow up with the Ministry contact again.

Action: Zahraa Al-Ali to follow up with Elise Idnani regarding Mathletics database project update.

2.0 EDU roster update

Samer Inchasi informed the committee that Ramy Ghattas has rejoined the EDU. He is attending this meeting as an observer, and his position will be official pending Council approval at the next Council meeting in March. As for the EDU Vice Chair position, Michael Arthur has indicated that he is interested in the role. Bruce McCowan moved to approve this motion. Wanda Juricic seconded (by email). All present approved.

Jeannette Chau informed the committee that applications for the EIT and Student positions within EDU have been received. Jeannette Chau made a request to Samer Inchasi to create a subcommittee to proceed with filling these openings. The subcommittee will include Samer Inchasi, Martha Stauch, Michael Arthur and Jeannette Chau.

Action: Jeannette Chau will schedule a conference call with other Selection subcommittee members.

3.0 EDU Conference 2014

Martha Stauch updated the committee with the status of the 2014 EDU Conference. The EDU Conference subcommittee has met four times already. The theme for this year is "math is all around us: practical tools for innovation". The next step is the workshops selection and guest speakers. The conference subcommittee also suggested inviting the Education deputy Minister and/or someone from the curriculum division to be part of the panel discussion with other teachers and students. Martha Stauch is seeking input from EDU members who are on the conference subcommittee regarding the conference subgroups. The subgroups will organize the workshops.

Samer Inchasi thanked Martha Stauch for facilitating the conference subcommittee and doing great work at the weekly calls.

Zahraa Al-Ali suggested the need for an EDU newsletter to go out to the Chapters on a periodic basis. The newsletter can contain timely information and updates from EDU regarding different EDU outreach projects and initiatives. It will also provide EDU contact info to the Chapters. Zahraa Al-Ali asked the committee to consider this request and to target March/April for the first newsletter to go out.

Martha Stauch thanked Zahraa Al-Ali for her efforts on the conference subcommittee.

Action: All EDU members who are on the conference subcommittee to consider taking the role of advisors on the subgroups and get back to Martha Stauch.

Action: Zahraa Al-Ali to check with EDU conference subcommittee members whether any special funding requests that were submitted to EDU have not had a response yet.

Action: Samer Inchasi to consider the EDU newsletter format, content and assign an EDU member/subcommittee to do it.

4.0 EIR RFP

The Committee discussed the issue of EIR outreach events given the fact that the PromoScience funding application was rejected. The Committee is interested in running these events outside of the EIR program due to limited EIR program operational budget this year. The concern is the feasibility of these events (specifically with Ottawa Chapter) and the resources required from both the EDU and Chapters. Also the Chapters are busy planning for the National Engineering Month (NEM) in February and March so running separate EIR events may not be an option.

Action: Zahraa Al-Ali to check with Ottawa Chapter to see if they are interested in running a separate EIR event with Ottawa's Science and Technology Museum in March 2014 and provide feedback to EDU to decide.

5.0 Outreach brochures status update

Samer Inchasi reminded the committee to provide their comments to Wanda by next meeting regarding the brochure's content.

Action: Zahraa Al-Ali to contact Wanda Juricic inquiring about latest brochure updates.

6.0 EnGenious

6.1 Teacher's Guide

Zahraa Al-Ali updated the committee with feedback received regarding EDU's involvement in preparing the EnGenious teacher's guide. EDU will need to approach external organizations requesting quotes to prepare the EnGenious teacher's guide in alignment with Ontario's curriculum.

Action: All EDU members to provide recommendations to Zahraa Al-Ali for organizations to contact to quote preparing the EnGenious teacher's guide.

6.2 EnGenious Pilot project

On hold until an update is received from Elise Idnani.

7.0 Other Business

7.1 Engineering Innovation Forum 2014

Jeannette Chau asked the committee if members are available to attend the EIF 2014 event on March 6, 2014.

Action: Zahraa Al-Ali to send the EIF event details again to EDU and let EIF know who will be attending from EDU.

8.0 Adjournment

The next Education committee meeting will be held on March 13th, 7:30-9:00pm via teleconference. Ravi Peri moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.