

Minutes – GLECEDHA Annual Meeting 15 March 2010, Clearwater Beach, FL

Attendee List:

John Gesink – Western Michigan University
Khalil Najafi – University of Michigan
Nasser Houshangi – Purdue University – Calumet
Thrasos Pappas – Northwestern University
Tim Grotjohn – Michigan State University
Yaobin Chen – IUPUI
Phil Sealy – University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Yi Lu Murphey – University of Michigan – Dearborn
Jiann-Shiou Yang – University of Minnesota – Duluth
Kefu Xue – Wright State University
Stephen Williams – Milwaukee School of Engineering
Jim McDonald – Kettering University
Ibrahim Abdel-Motaleb – Northern Illinois University
Sam SanGregory – Cedarville University
Shawn Ostermann – Ohio University
Russell Clark – Saginaw Valley State University
John Estell – Ohio Northern University

1. Meeting was started at 7:30 am by the Regional Leader, John Estell (Ohio Northern Univ.)
2. Introductions – 17 attendees. Attendee List is appended.
3. Minutes from the 2009 Meeting were not available.
4. Selection of Regional Leader was tabled until later in the meeting. It was mentioned that there is a need to develop a formal selection and service process, including terms of service, for GLECEDHA group leaders. John Estell stated that he was stepping down as chair at the end of August 2010, hence a new regional leader had to be selected.
5. ABET reports.
 - a. John Estell (Ohio Northern) reported on the results of his programs' recent visit.
 - b. Several attendees indicated that they have upcoming visits. A general discussion was held for answering their questions. Some points made included:
 - i. Show PEVs that you have performed due diligence in trying to gather evidence
 - ii. Spare no expense in making the Self-Study a first-class document – make it as readable as possible.
 - c. It was suggested that ECEDHA develop webinars for help with accreditation activities.

6. The role of ECEDHA lobbying was discussed. Consensus was that position papers was OK, but anything further than that should be in conjunction with other groups. It was also the consensus of the group that we should focus more on attracting prospective students into ECE than on lobbying efforts.
7. Khalil Najafi (Univ. of Michigan) was elected to be the Regional Leader for 2010-2011.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.