Rochester Institute of Technology Activity Report December 2011

Officers are in the process of being elected for the remainder of the academic year. Tentatively they are:

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This is more or less a status report of attempts to reinvigorate and reestablish the RIT Student Chapter after a hiatus of about a year.

The chapter was associated with another student club at the Institute but the other club decided to separate themselves from an association with SPIE and so the RIT Chapter has been in a state of reorganization for the last year or so.

Previous to that separation the chapter was involved in a variety of activities. Some of these were social and others were educational.

During 2010 several speakers visited and made presentations to the Chapter including:

Paul Reichrt, from NASA Johnson Space Center presented an overview of photo and video activities at JSC. Natalie Sinisgalli, a local photographer spoke about her business and representatives from Vision Research in NJ gave a presentation on Phantom High Speed cameras.

On the social side of things on Friday the April 2nd, 2010, in conjunction with the Technical Photography Student Association the student chapter of SPIE held a "movie night". There were also periodic pizza socials.

On April 9, 2010 Tech students went out to dinner at Michelina’s for Italian fare as in past few years. These are some underexposed iPhone photos from the event.
In the Fall of 2011 several members of the chapter went along with a TPSA group on a tour of NASA Glenn Research Center organized by Prof. Davidhazy and hosted by Mr. Quentin Schwinn of GRC.

We have not asked for SPIE funds to help support any of our student chapter activities and all expenses were borne by the chapter advisor, namely me! The SPIE chapter certificate was proudly on display in what we colloquially call "Tech Alley" (after Doc Edgerton's "Strobe Alley at MIT) and at this time another location is being sought for it.
In addition: For two years SPIE provided funds for chapter members to attend the National Conference in San Diego. The students who benefited from this support were: D. Haas, D. Breslin and L. Dias.

For the remainder of this academic year we are tentatively planning to collaborate with the IS&T and the Center for Imaging Science on hosting a lecture by Gary Settles of the Gas Dynamics Lab at Penn State University. In addition we have plans to conduct visits/tours of one or more seldom seen laboratories in the Microelectronics area of the Institute. We are also thinking of organizing ourselves a tour next Fall of Corning Glass or joining with another student group if the opportunity presents itself. Proposals for possible assistance from SPIE for some of these activities are being prepared. The Chapter will again send an officer to the SPIE meeting in San Diego and will apply for support for this in due time.

Thank you,

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