



IEEE Geosciences and Remote Sensing Chapter
Eastern North Carolina Section – R30171, GRS29
Minutes for July 13th, 2007



Present Chair: Dr. Linda Hayden

In Attendance:

Jinchun Juan	Marlon Pierce	Cynthia Warrick	Malcolm LeCompte
Ali Omar	Keisha Wilkins	Barry Rock	William Porter
Paula Harrell	Je'aime Powell	Jeff Wood	Anthony Anderson
Michael Rice	Jasmin Rivers	Illiana Thomas	Terrance Mason
Phillip Moore	Tyrone Whitehurst	Camden Hearn	Andrea Grumbles
Stephanie Wood	Gregory McGee	Travis Smith	Amanda Bland
Akeem Archer	Lee Smalls, Jr.	Lee Hayden	Joal Hathaway
Sandy Harrison	Alicia Kirk	Ashley Berryman	
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1. The last IEEE meeting was held on July 13, 2007.
2. The Meeting was called to order by the chapter President, Dr. Linda Hayden.
3. A welcome was given by Dr. Cynthia Warrick, Dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology. Dr. Warrick expressed her support for CERSER and her appreciation for the guest in attendance at the event.
4. Minutes were read by Mrs. Keisha Wilkins, GRSS Secretary. The minutes were accepted as read.
5. Highlights from the previous GRSS meeting were given by Dr. Hayden.
6. Presentations were given on minorities in Marine Science by Amanda Bland, sophomore at Mississippi Valley State and Tyrone Whitehurst, sophomore at Norfolk State University. Ms. Bland's presentation was on Dawn Wright, Oceanographer and professor at Oregon State University. Mr. Whitehurst presented on Dr. Ernest Just, a black pioneering US Biologist.
7. The speaker was introduced by Dr. Malcolm LeCompte, Research Fellow at CERSER.
8. Our Speaker was Dr. Ali Omar, research scientist at the Chemistry and Dynamics Branch of the Atmospheric Sciences Competency of NASA Langley Research Center. His talk was entitled, "Careers in Geosciences". Dr. Omar encouraged students to discover their passion and pursue it. He provided information and statistics on careers and degrees available in the geoscience field. The talk was concluded with information on the NASA Cooperative Education Program and Graduate Student Researchers Program. Both of these opportunities are provided by NASA to students pursuing graduate education.
9. Thirteen new student members were welcomed into our chapter by Dr. Linda Hayden.
10. The IEEE Eastern North Carolina Executive Committee Update was given by Dr. William Porter, GRSS chapter vice president. Dr. Porter extended an invitation for members to attend the sectional picnic and outing at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham, NC. He also discussed the Lone Wolf, a robotic vehicle demonstrated by Mr. Randell, Chapter Chair of the Robotics and Automation Committee.
11. Closing Remarks were given by Dr. Barry Rock. Dr. Rock holds a joint appointment in the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space (EOS) at the University of New Hampshire and the Natural Resources Department. Dr. Rock discussed the importance of research and how it can change your life. He shared his personal experience of becoming a scientist through the Rock Calculation. In addition he shared with students information on internship and graduate funding opportunities available at the University of New Hampshire.
12. The meeting was adjourned.