

Buenaventura Section OpCom Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2011 at Mandarin Buffet, Thousand Oaks CA

Attending:

- Karl Geiger (Section Chair, Computer Chapter Vice Chair)
- Bridge Carney (Section Vice Chair, PES Chapter Chair)
- Albert Wolfkiel (Section Treasurer)
- Zak Cohen (Section Secretary)
- Doug Askegard (Section Awards Chair)
- Ross Kocen (Section Events Planning)
- Jerry Knotts (LMAG Chair)
- Momin Quddus (AES Chair)
- Steve Johnson (Past Chair)
- Yesenia Illescas (Section Webmaster)
- Mike Markowitz (ComSoc Representative)

Absent:

- Craig Reinhart (Computer Chapter Chair)
- Abigail Corrin (EMBS Chair)
- Bob Rumer (RAS/IAS Chair)
- Tom Campbell (MTTS Chapter Chair)

Karl 1/17/12 4:23 PM

Comment: Momin is now AES chair; Tom heads MTTs. The website needs to be updated to fix this; still working with Yesenia.

Meeting called to order by Karl Geiger, Section Chair at 6:35 P.M.

Section Business

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report

Albert reported that we have \$4000 available for scholarships after \$1500 was subtracted for NEWC. He also reported that all chapters are well funded. The section is still waiting for money from LAC for "Hearts and Mind" and some PACE funds.

There needs to be feedback to 123Signups to address the problem of lack of identification of money that has been collected for the section. More, the IEEE vtools payments. Karl and Yesenia will look into using another service to capture money online whether PayPal, EventBright, etc. (Karl)

The Section Treasury account achieved a \$2000 increase from December 2010 to December 2011.

3. LAC Report

LAC met mid-December. Karl was elected Chair of LAC for 2012-2013. This gives us two representatives to the Council.

The other LAC ExCom Officers elected in December are

- Luis Carbajo, Vice Chair. Luis was the Chair of the SFV last year.
- Victor Moreno, Treasurer. Victor works at JPL.
- Cesar Vasquez-Carrera, Secretary. Cesar works at Google in Santa Monica.

Section representatives are George Konstantinow, Central Coast; Jack Sun (SFV), Frank Freyne/Art Sutton (Foothill), Charles Cai (LA Metro), and Bridge Carney (Buenaventura).

4. Membership Development

Bridge reports that the Buenaventura Section membership count at the end of 2011 was 918 members. 860 members have accessible e-mail addresses.

Bridge led a discussion on membership, which included:

- Membership dues are reduced by half for retired or unemployed members
- Moorpark students should be targeted for membership
- Membership and renewals should be addressed and discussed at each meeting

Old Business

1. Section Awards Event

The awards dinner will be held at Octavios Italian Restaurant in Camarillo, 7-9pm Monday January 30th. There will be three to four different dinner selections that can be selected at the event. There will be about 40 attendees. The section will pay for the dinners for IEEE Officers; guests will be charged \$22.00. Vtools will be used for registration; payment for guests will be handled at the door.

Doug will print out the certificates for the 2011 officers. Laser pointers will also be given to officers. Southern Region awards will be presented.

Motion by Karl and seconded by Steve:

The section will budget up to \$200 to purchase a screen to be used for section presentations.

All attendees voted Aye. **Karl will purchase the screen.**

New Business

1. Leap into IEEE 2012 Event

Zak and Ross discussed an upcoming mixer event for IEEE members. The event will be held on February 29th from 4:30 to 8:30 P.M. It is planned to be a mixer to introduce prospective members to the IEEE as well as to create excitement for non-participating members. We should try to attract about 100 attendees. Ross will plan event with the help of the OpCom.

2. Hearts and Minds Event

Bridge discussed our plans for the Hearts and Minds event. Karl, Bridge, and Ross met with the Ventura School district and found that many of the individual school districts in Ventura are separate from the VSD. He suggests that working directly with the VSD might not be productive.

The event should be planned for late September, as that would be better for students.

The discussion included:

- Looking to attracting young and new members
- Inventorying the market to find location of students
- Look to local schools and visit classes.
- Look to Moorpark College
- Ask teachers/professors to speak in front of classes

- **Go to CLU teaching school to find out where the alumni teachers have been hired (Jerry)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Next Operating Committee meeting date will be February 27th with the venue to be announced.

Submitted by Zak Cohen, Buenaventura Section Secretary