

Buenaventura Section OpCom Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2011 at Mimi's Restaurant, Thousand Oaks CA

Attending:

Karl Geiger, Bridge Carney, Zak Cohen, Doug Askegard, Yesenia Illescas, Jerry Knotts, Sunil Pai, Momin Quddus, John Wright

Not Attending:

Albert Wolfkiel, Steve Johnson, Jim Leatham, Victor Lin, Craig Reinhart, Abigail Corrin, Karl Meier

Meeting called to order by Karl Geiger, Section Chair at 6:34 P.M.

Section Business

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were accepted with previously submitted amendments.

2. Treasurer's Report

Albert was not present. Karl passed out the current print out and gave the report. The EMBS Student chapter budget close out was completed but the date was incorrect on the chapter budget page. The EMBS chapter will now cover all student expenses. Motion by Karl to accept the report was seconded by Bridge. Voice approval, no nays.

3. LAC Report

Bridge reported that there were only six attendees at the meeting. No treasurer's report was given. The attendees discussed the proposed recommendations to Sections Congress and agreed that they are acceptable. Bridge gave an update on our Fall Event.

A discussion on the Consultants Network was held with a lively discussion between Ralph Heileman and Eremita Miranda. Ralph will prepare a plan to revitalize the network. Elections are approaching for LAC representatives.

Discussion – we should ask for money to conduct student centric events such as student robotics. The LAC will fund efforts throughout its member Sections' areas using its funds.

Action Item – Zak will set up talking points as part of a proposal for a spring event for student and youth development.

4. Membership Development

This month we added nine new members including six students. Their names are on the Section website in the Newsletter as always.

Moorpark College is changing their computer program to eliminate the AA degree in Computing, but will still retain the computer fundamental courses.

Old Business

1. ED/CAS update

Karl organized an administrative meeting for ED/CAS members on 22 September in order to find out whether any joint society chapter members would be interested in continuing the chapter. Only 2 people signed up for a joint ED/CAS meeting but no one attended. After a discussion with Peggy Kovacks at IEEE HQ, Karl agreed to let ED/CAS expire in November, 2012. Upon discussion at OpCom, Sunil volunteered to act as the acting chair of ED/CAS to see if there is any interest to keep alive parts or all of the society.

IEEE regulations are changing to require 6 meetings for each chapter/society per year. Four technical meetings and two administrative meetings will be acceptable.

2. Fall Event Planning

Bridge announced that the exhibitors are lined up and five speakers have committed to the event, two of which are from SCE. Dr. David Auston, executive director of UCSB's Institute for Energy Efficiency, will be the main speaker and will talk on new materials for energy-efficient electronics. SoCalEdison will present two discussions, one on energy development for local industry and one about smart meters. Maverick Angels will donate a give away prize.

Karl will contact Titan LEDs in Moorpark to see if they would like to be involved with the event. (Update 30 Sep 2011 – Titan has backed out of sponsorship.)

Ross Kocen has helped plan and manage the event including the floor. The Awards Chair should make sure that he is recognized at the January Section Awards meeting. He should also be considered for a new "events chair" position on the OpCom.

New Business

1. Additional items

-Be sure to vote in the IEEE elections, both full organization and Societies. Voting closes 4 October.

-Doug has volunteered to help with the fellow application for Dr. Dean Mensa

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M. Next meeting date and venue to be announced

Submitted by Zak Cohen, Buenaventura Section Secretary