

IEEE Buenaventura Section OpCom meeting Minutes April 30, 2012

Next Meeting is May 21th, 6:30pm at Mandarin Buffet

Attendees:

Karl Geiger	Section Chair
Bridgeman Carney	Section Vice Chair
Albert Wolfkiel	Section Treasurer
Zak Cohen	Section Secretary
Ross Kocen	Section Events Chair
Doug Askegard	Section Historian
Momin Quddus	Aerospace Society Chair
Victor Lin	Communications Society Chair
Craig Reinhart	Computer Society Chair
Tom Cambell	MTTS Society Chair
Yesenia Illescas	Webmaster
John Wright	Robotics Vice Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Karl

Section Business

Approval of Minutes from February and March Meetings

Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Momin and seconded by Victor. Approved with no nays.

Note: Meeting minutes are posted on-line at the website the week after the meeting. See the links under "OpCom Minutes", middle column, bottom of page.

Treasurers Report

Albert reported that the double payment of \$4200 from IEEE has been taken resolved. IEEE payments of \$1000.00 and \$250.00 for Hearts and Minds and the Leap Year Event have not been included on the report. The end cost of the Leap Year Event was about \$500.00 to the section. There needs to be a correction to the report in that \$160.00 for badges should be changed from the Computer Society to the Communications Society.

MGA will be looking at Sections with more than \$30,000 for use of their funds for IEEE needs. The Section Rebate from IEEE has not yet been received.

Motion to approve report by Momin and seconded by Victor. Approved with no nays.

LAC Report

There was no meeting of the Council. The Council approved granting \$550 per member Section to help defray cost of Section Offices who attend IEEE-USA in May.

Membership Development Update

Christian Ziegler is the new chair and was unable to give a report due to his absence (traveling home from Pennsylvania).

Old Business

Discussion of “Letters from the Edge”

IEEE mandates that a mailing must be conducted every year to the members of each section. Karl reported that his mailing service is unable to provide this service. Bridge contacted InfoUSA and received a quote of approximately \$850 for this service, about \$1 per member.

Motion by Bridge and seconded by Momin:

The section will allot \$800.00 to InfoUSA to send out postcards/mailer to all Section Membership in accordance with IEEE rules.

Discussion: The timing of the mailings is quite important and should be tied to an event. In the fall we have more technical meetings including the Senior Member Elevation and the Fall Event. The cards should go out in advance of these events. (Probably before the end of August, 2012) The cards should have the member's e-mail address of record on it with a request for update. As a promotional consideration, if the members bring in the postcard to the Fall Event, let's consider offering them a free drink. This will be discussed further with Bridge leading. Approved with no nays.

Review of “ Science Event”

Momin will give a report next month

New Business

Discussion on the Fall Event

The fall event will be the “Energy Efficiency Symposium of 2012”. The initial planning meeting was held and attended by Karl, Bridge, Ross and Christian.

The proposed date is October 11, 2012 at the Westlake Inn. Ross will lock up the date and venue. We will look to increasing attendance from 140 to 200 this year. The attendance fees will be reduced.

Note: Oct 11 is unavailable; date is now Oct 4 per Bridge/Ross

The committee will contact So Cal Edison and other possible vendors and sponsors. We need other names of possible vendors and sponsors. Please look at your address books and forward those names to Karl and Bridge.

Discussion on Hearts and Minds Event

This will be discussed at the next meeting. We will be looking for ideas. Some preliminary ideas include: Sharing speakers from the fall event; Societies have tables with company's that share the same technical areas.

Calendar

June	Senior Member Elevation and mixer
September	Mailing and Senior Member Elevation
October	Fall Event and Hearts and Minds
December	End of Time Mixer

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Motion by Momin and seconded by Victor