

IEEE Buenaventura Section OpCom meeting Minutes August 27th, 2012

Next Meeting is September 24th, 6:30pm at Mandarin Buffet

Attendees:

Karl Geiger (Section Chair), Bridgeman Carney (Section Vice Chair), Albert Wolfkiel (Section Treasurer), Zak Cohen (Section Secretary), Momin Quddus (Aerospace Society Chair), Christian Ziegler (Pace/Awards), Jerry Knotts (LMAG), Victor Lin (Communications Society Chair), Ross Kocen (Events Chair), Craig Reinhart (Computer Society Chair), Tom Campbell (MTTS Chair), Doug Askegard (Section Historian).

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Karl

Section Business

1.0 Approval of Minutes from previous Meeting – Zak Cohen

The minutes were approved as written.

2.0 Treasurers Report – Albert Wolfkiel

Albert passed out the monthly report. He stated that \$300 for the Aerospace society, from the IEEE, has been received. The Westlake Inn finally cashed the \$500.00 check. Two ads for the Fall Event have been paid.

Albert will credit the Chapter allotments from the IEEE rebate next month.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was raised by Victor and seconded by Jerry. All approved.

3.0 LAC Report- Karl Geiger/Bridge Carney

Karl has codified many of the bylaws of the LAC. Changing the venue and restaurant has helped change the attitude of members. The LAC has become more functional. The sections are becoming more active. There is a request for ideas on how to use the LAC more.

SFV will hold a pre-engineering day – more info to follow. If anyone knows

of any youngster who would be interested call Jack Sun.

4.0 Membership Development Update – Christian Ziegler

Christian discussed the MD June monthly results. There was 83% retention for the Buenaventura Section but we were 29th of 35 sections in recruitment. We need more work on this item.

There were good responses to the Senior Elevation Event. Some suggestions included issuing of a map before the event and to give out information on what to do after the event.

Motion by Jerry – The Section will invite the new Senior Members to the September or October OpCom meeting to be congratulated.

Seconded by Ross. Approved by all attendees.

Motion by Ross – The Second will acquire Senior Member pins to be presented to the new Senior Members who attend the OpCom meeting – up to a budget limit of \$500.

Seconded by Jerry. Approved by all attendees.

5.0 Society/Chapter Activities Review

AES/MTTS- Momin reported that AES/MTTS had a joint meeting on August 15th with Jerry as the speaker. It was well received with 20 attendees. In September they will have a speaker on Dark Matter (see website for information). They have a speaker for November.

In order to comply with IEEE rules, separate each chapter's members from the total joint meeting attendees and file a separate meeting report.

Communications- Victor stated that the society did not have a speaker this month but have speakers set up for October and November which will be advertised on the website.

PES- Nothing is scheduled at this moment as they are working on the Fall Event. They talked to Disney about technology discussion for next year for the various chapters and groups.

Computer- The Society was dark over the summer and are looking for a September speaker with the EMBS society. They have reserved Wednesday Nights at Richter Lecture Hall at California Lutheran University, for meetings so other Chapters may wish to hold meetings in this facility. (Computer is 2nd Wednesday and EMBS is the 4th Wednesday of the month, see venue at <http://www.ieee-bv-cs.org/meetings/information-for-presenters/>).

They will also look into a grant for “Upward Bound”.

Karl will follow-up on the new Product Safety Group with Mike Nichols.

Old Business

1.0 Discussion on increased chapter participation – Karl Gieger

This item will be fully discussed at the upcoming R6 meeting. What has been mentioned has been that many sections are moribund while the chapters are active. Our section has a very active section along with active chapters. Our section conducts many events both technical and social. It will be suggested that other sections should offer more section social events.

Another issue is the website. Karl asked if we could send him any ideas we may have to add to the site.

The newsletter is valuable. There were suggestions on the newsletter which included having a summary of the chapter meetings included in the newsletter and/or website. Also include follow up information of the various chapter meetings.

Use of video of various meetings and events for the website. There are potential problems such as the preparation and editing of the video, which could be extensive. An additional problem is to ensure that the info released is legal to release. Would the video taping cause changes in the manner and information of the presenter?

Usage of Social Media such as Linked In and twitter (ieee.bv is our twitter address)

2.0 Discussion on creation of a Section Budget –Albert Wolfkiel

This was tabled to the next meeting.

3.0 Update on the Section Fall Symposium –Bridge/Karl/Ross

Karl mentioned that Dr. Gadh is the keynote speaker. We will have fewer speakers this year. Mavericks will be the final act with the raffle.

4.0 Review of “Letters from the Edge” –Karl Geiger

Karl is still working on the software. Expect a test run to your email accounts in September.

New Business

1.0 Region 6 Meeting –Karl Geiger

Karl has been working with R6 personnel in planning the meeting. Karl will be our representative at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Section Activities Calendar

- Fall Energy Efficiency Event - October 4th 2012 - Westlake Village Inn
- Hearts and Minds – Now proposed to be joined with Ventura county wide Science Fair event in 2013
- The-Day-after-the-end of the-World Mixer - Dec 22, 2012 - Location TBD
- Senior Member Elevation Event – January and June, 2013 – TBD
- Section Awards Event – Last Monday in January, 2013

Ross will check on availability of Octavios and Los Robles Golf Course