

IEEE Buenaventura Section OpCom meeting Minutes October 29th, 2012

Next Meeting is November 26th, 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), Sunil Pal (EDCAS Chair).

Newly elevated Senior Members were introduced and honored prior to the meeting. Congratulations to Daniel Rosen and David Lott.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 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 reported that we broke even on the Section Fall Symposium. The event allows \$1500 for scholarships. Albert explained that our funds are provided by:

- Rebate for each member from the IEEE at \$2.00 for each member or \$3.00 for each senior member
- \$200 for each chapter in the section who holds two meetings per year
- PACE funds
- Special grants from Societies

Discussion on chapter allotments - tabled

Jerry motioned to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Christian - All approved.

3.0 LAC Report- Karl Geiger/Bridge Carney

Karl reported that the SFV Section has been more active. They are focusing on their Senior Member elevation events and PSpice and Matlab classes for students and IEEE members. Eremita Mirands, LA Metro Section representative, suggested that there should be more emphasis on students and GOLD.

The Glendale/Burbank/Pasadena School District asked for funds for the STEM project.

Karl stated that he and Bridge talked last year with the Ventura County Schools Special Events team headed by John Tarkany, along with Debra West (Oak Park Schools) and Phil Hampton (CSUCI) about STEM participation. We were unable to get on the calendar. We will put our efforts into working through the VC special events program to participate in Science Fair and the STEM expo in Spring 2013.

4.0 Membership Development Update – Christian Ziegler

Christian said that the results from last month were not received.

We honored David Lott and Daniel Rosen for their elevation to Senior Member at the last event. They were presented with pins.

5.0 Society/Chapter Activities Review

LMAG, Aerospace, MTTs and EDCAS held a joint meeting with a speaker from JPL, Fernando Abrol, about the Mars Science Lab (MSL) “Curiosity” Rover. There were 55 attendees and the event was received. It was also cost effective as the only cost was for the pizza.

In November, **LMAG, AES and EDCAS** will hold another joint meeting at Ciao Wireless on the 28th of November. It will cover processing techniques.

A discussion was held on the Science Fair.

**Motion by Momin, Seconded by Jerry:
Buenaventura Section will fund \$500.00 to be a sponsor of the
Science Fair and also fund up to \$500.00 for awards to students.**

Discussion:

Momin will apply for matching funds from Fry's. We need to find additional judges and volunteers and provide maps. **Motion passed with all eyes.**

6.0 Discussion of 2013 Section Officer Election

The slate proposed by the board:

Bridgeman Carney – Section Chair
Albert Wolfkiel – Section Vice Chair
Karl Geiger – Section Secretary
Zak Cohen – Section Treasurer

Karl will set up the election using VTools election software.

(Update: The VTools site is still down along with other IEEE sites due to Hurricane Sandy's disruption of New York's and New Jersey's infrastructure)

Old Business

1.0 Discussion on creation of a Section Budget – Albert Wolfkiel

This item was tabled for a later meeting.

2.0 Critique of the Section Fall Symposium –Bridge/Karl/Ross

The event was wonderful and well received. The food this year was better than last year. We spent \$3800.00 but got it all back.

Next year we should try to attract more attendees. We had 47 attendees with a total of 80 including exhibitors and their representatives. We should try to have 140 attend next year.

Eventbrite worked better than the 123 Signup software used last year for registration.

We should also try for more exhibitors and speakers. Solorworld was very happy with the event and promised a speaker for next year.

Should we have another event? SFV has MatLab which we were going to look into. This item should be discussed next time.

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

Karl used his new software. There are 852 members in the section and Karl sent out 651 and 275 responded. He will re-send to those who did not respond. Christian suggested sending out a second notice to all who did not respond. Karl will do this in November.

New Business

1.0 Discussion of Next Events/2013 Calendar –Karl Geiger

- The-day-before-the-day-before-the-end-of-the-World Mixer - Dec 19, 2012 – to be held at the Golf Course. We moved this event from “The Day after the World Ends” because that day is Saturday, 21 December and many people will be traveling or preparing for the Christmas Holiday.
- Section Awards Event – January, 28th, 2013 at Octavios
- NEWC – February 21, 2013 at the Residence Inn/Oxnard - \$25/ticket. The venue changed because the Regan Library trebled prices.
- Senior Member Elevation Event – July, 2013 – TBD
- Hearts and Minds – Now proposed to be joined with Ventura county wide Science Fair STEM-Expo in 2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.