

IEEE Buenaventura Section OpCom meeting Minutes November 26th, 2012

Next Meeting is February 25th, 6:30pm TBA

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), Ross Kocen (Events Chair), Victor Lin (Communications Chair), Craig Reinhart (Computer Chair), Tom Cambell (MTTS Chair), Bob Rumer (Robotics Chair) Chuck Seabury (MTTS Program Chair).

Meeting called to order at 6:34 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 have approximately \$18,000 checkbook balance and \$11,000 in chapter funds for an \$29,000 section balance.

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

3.0 LAC Report- Karl Geiger/Bridge Carney

Bridge reported that the SFV Section is the most active group with a lot of student participation. Voting is underway for LAC officers with Karl nominated for Chair and Bridge for LAC Secretary.

There are two STEM events in discussion:

- The Glendale/La Canada/Burbank School Districts are asking for funds to hold a STEM event in the Verdugo Hills area. Involved high schools and community colleges serve the Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena, and La Cañada/Flintridge area
- Paul Rosen/Metro Section is requesting seed money to create a GRSS (Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society) Global Conference in the Los Angeles area in 2017. This might be a possibility for involvement by our section

4.0 Membership Development Update – Christian Ziegler

Christian said that the results from last month were not received. Luis has been contacted and is working on ensuring Christian is on the mailing list.

There are now over 400,000 IEEE members worldwide. There were 47 new members through October with 21 students. Nine new Senior Members out of twenty-one were honored by our section at the OpCom meetings.

Ross will coordinate submission of PACE requests for past meetings per Doug Askegard's e-mail.

5.0 Society/Chapter Activities Review - All

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

Communications- Victor reported that last month the chapter held a meeting on Next Generation Internet with 40 attendees. It was well received. They are currently holding elections for next year's officers.

Computer – They are working on speakers and will be dark in December.

6.0 Discussion of 2013 Section Officer Election – Karl Geiger

Five percent of the section membership voted. The poll closes tonight and results will be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Old Business

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

The final results show 280 out of 672 members responded to the various e-mails.

New Business

1.0 Discussion of Next Events –Karl Geiger

- **The-day-before-the-day-before-the-end-of-the-World Mixer -**
December 19, 2012 will be held at the Los Robles Golf Course from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Our cost will be \$19.00 per person for Hors D'oeuvres. Our budget is \$500-600 for a desired attendance of 20-30 members. We have a \$300 minimum charge. Drink tickets are under discussion.

Zak will prepare a presentation for the event

- **Section Awards Event** – January 28, 2013 will be held at Octavio's in Camarillo from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. The budget for awards will be about \$300. Christian will coordinate awards. The cost will be about \$21.00 per section officer, which will be paid by the section. Guests will pay \$21.00 to attend. Four entrees will be available
- **NEWC** – February 21, 2013 at the Residence Inn/Oxnard - \$65/ticket with the section paying half. Members are asked to submit nominees for Engineer of the Year and Project of the year (possibly from speakers) to Albert ASAP. We have previously voted on \$1500 for scholarships and \$400 for an ad in the program
- It was suggested that we run a MATLAB or other project once a quarter next year. Ross will investigate.

2.0 Discussion of BV Section 50th Anniversary Event- Karl Geiger

We will plan on a July event that is family-friendly, likely a BBQ and picnic. Discussion on the particulars will be covered in future meetings.

Open Business

1.0 Discussion on Robotics proposal- Chuck Seabury

Background – There are many independent robotics clubs in the area. A method to unite the clubs is to use robotic competition events. The events are costly as past events included the cost for a venue that created a need for large registration fees (\$6000) and the cost of the robots (\$3000). Sponsors have given in the past and additional sponsors are needed. In the past IEEE has provided funds. **Jerry will see if LMAG can add funds.** Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks have teams that have competed together. They raised enough money to fund a machine lab with tools to work on the robots.

The 1st competition is the Los Angeles Regional in Long Beach in January with the top 8 teams out of 60 going to Nationals. The Newbury Park Robotics Club is fed by three local High Schools.

Motion by Momin/Seconded by Jerry:

Buenaventura Section will donate \$500 to sponsor the Newbury Park Robotics Club for the 1st annual robotics competition. As a sponsor the club will use the IEEE logo on the robot and shirts.

Motion passed with all Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.