

Meeting Minutes

Monday 25 Feb 2013

Attending

- Bridge Carney, Chair
- Christian Ziegler, Membership Development/Awards
- Craig Reinhart, Computer Chair
- David Pehlke, Communications Chair
- Doug Askegard, Historian/R6 PACE Chair
- Jerry Knotts, LMAG Chair
- John Wright, RAS/IAS
- Karl Geiger, Secretary
- Momin Quddus, AES Chair
- Tom Campbell, MTTTS Chair
- Victor Lin, Communication Past Chair
- Zak Cohen, Treasurer

Bridge Carney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Standing Items

Minutes

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (26 Nov 2013) were approved with a date correction for the current mtg to 25 February.

Treasurer's Report

1. L50 was submitted on time so the Section is eligible for 10% reward for early submittal.
2. The Section is now fully on NetSuite. Going forward there will be no need to submit an L50.
3. Doug Askegard and Tom Campbell agreed to charge Charles Seabury's Nat'l Engineering Week fee to MTTTS, bringing the total number of MTTTS officers/volunteers at NEWC to 3.
4. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted without change.

Membership Development

1. See attached report. Highlights:
 - a. BV Section is sixth in R6 at retaining members (60.3%)
 - b. BV acquired 3 new members in January and 6 so far in February

- c. 98% of Senior Member elevation requests were approved by the IEEE's Elevation committee at their last meeting. Next Senior Elevation committee meeting will be in R8 in May.
- **ACTION:** Christian will present a membership development plan for the Section at the next Operating Committee meeting in March.

Los Angeles Council Update (Bridge, Karl)

- LAC is looking to organize an LAC-wide 50th year anniversary celebration. This will coordinate all sections and alleviate planning for individual events. The LAC has set aside an additional \$5000 for this event.
- LAC has indicated support for the GRSSS 2017 conference in Pasadena. A forthcoming MOU will be written against it.
- LAC is also considering support via MOU for GlobeComm 2015.
- John Wright has agreed to step forward as Buenaventura Representative pro-tem for the LAC as both Bridge and Karl are already serving as executive officers to the LAC.

Chapter Updates (Chapter Chairs)

Aerospace Chapter

- Upcoming meeting on the 28th of February

Communications Chapter

- Victor Lin introduced the new ComSoc Chair, David Pehlke.
- Zak present's presentation on Ham Radio was well received at the Feb. meeting. The Feb meeting also held officer elections
 - David Pehlke is Chair
- ComSoc March upcoming talk in March will be on MIMO

Computer Chapter

- Josh Sarfaty's talk on game programming in February was attended by about 37 members and general public
- March is dark so far.
- April will be a talk on computer hacking
- May will be a joint meeting with the RAS/IAS to present the Conejo Robotics team and grant the RAS a meeting L31.
- Saty Ragavachari will likely speak later this year on computer animation for the film industry.

Electron Devices/Circuits and Systems Joint Chapter

- No report; Sunil Pai was absent.

Engineering in Medicine and Biology Chapter

- Accounting:

- EMBS filed their L50 as they have a separate bank account. As John Wright pointed out, the Section is responsible for the EMBS section.
- The Treasurer has visibility in to the EMBS's accounts through NetSuite.
- January talk on intellectual property and patents had good audience participation, esp. among the entrepreneurs and students in attendance.
- February talk will be on sustainable agriculture and the technology needed.

Microwave Theory and Techniques Chapter

- CSUN speaker, IEEE Fellow Dr. Rengarajan in February on slot arrays gave a thorough and detailed presentation.
- March speaker is Rick Sturdivant on Transmit/Receive modules
- A June cookout jointly with the [AOC](#) at Naval Weapons Center at Pt. Mugu is in planning. Details forthcoming.

Power and Energy Chapter

- No activity
- **ACTION:** Christian Ziegler will follow up with PES members to see if they are interested in meeting. Karl Geiger to supply Christian with a roster of PES members in the section.

Robotics and Automation / Industrial Applications Joint Chapter

- No activity
- To hold joint meeting with Computer Society in April featuring the Coneho Robotics Team.

Old Business

Science Fair (Momin Quddus)

- Science Fair judging is April 9-10 2013. Awards ceremony is Thu 11 April 2013.
- Momin is waiting to hear from Fry's for approval of awards.
- **ACTION:** Momin to ask the Section for volunteers to judge Science Fair and coordinate a news article for the newsletter.

January Awards Banquet (Bridge Carney)

- Generally agreed: a good time was had by all.
- Dean Mensa, newly elected IEEE Fellow, was honored. He's willing to speak at chapter meetings and other events.
- Thanks especially to Ross Kocen for planning the event and especially to Christian Ziegler for the awards. The laptop carry bags are very handy and work well.

New Business

Calendar of Events

- The Secretary will set up the calendar for coming year using the online calendar. Existing/known events are already on the calendar.
- The calendar is visible at <http://www.ieee-bv.org/events/calendar/> It is hosted in Google Calendar.
- **ACTION:** Zak Cohen to proposed a slate/dates for mixer social events.
- **ACTION:** Christian Ziegler to propose a date for a Senior Elevation event.
- Fall Event:
 - Likely topic will be Medical Devices, Biotech, and EMBS-related interest area
 - Fall event team to request ideas from Pat Jacobs, Steve Johnson, Brian Rasnow, others.

Region 6 Report (Bridge Carney, Doug Askegard)

- Mike Andrews has money to go towards community development. This is the ‘take a CEO to breakfast’ fund. Reimbursements can be made to R6 for c-level or “decision makers” in local companies.
- George Konstantinow is heading a R6 effort to do more to publicize IEEE to industry.

South Area Report (Doug Askegard, Bridge Carney)

- South Area is looking for volunteers to fill officers/coordinator positions. **ACTION:** Karl to publicize these on the website (IEEE BV and LAC) and in the newsletter.
- South Area is planning several events, including an upcoming student paper and micromouse competition at UCSB. **ACTION:** Doug to send details for publication in newsletter and on website.

Publicity (Bridge, Karl)

- We have an agreement in place with the VC Reporter to produce a monthly tech column, “Plugged In”.
- This is a general-interest column profiles local technology companies in and around Ventura (tech 101 corridor, SFV to Goleta, Pt Mugu to Santa Clarita).
- We (IEEE BV) retain republication rights two weeks after the items appear in print.
- **ACTION:** Chairs to forward names of companies that have presented to Bridge and Karl for them to write and feature companies in articles for the paper.

Conference Memoranda of Understanding (Bridge)

- We have an opportunity to participate in several upcoming conferences, most notably GlobeComm 2015 in San Diego.
- **ACTION:** Details for the conference MOUs to be chased down by David Pehlke and Bridge. Bridge has the action item on globeComm from the LAC and will coordinate with David. We need details on personnel commitment, funding requirements, and return on investment.

Meeting Close

Next OpComm meeting planned for Monday evening 25 March 2013 at Mandarin Buffet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.