IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# February 23, 2015

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| Simi Valley, CA |

## Attendees

Doug Askegard (RAS/IAS, PACE)

Bridge Carney (Vice Chair)

Zak Cohen (Treasurer)

Reza Firozabadi (Membership Development)

Nathalie Gosset (Chair)

Deron Johnson (Secretary)

Ross Kocen (Events)

Alex Mladenovic (Web)

Mike Nicholls (EMC)

Bob Rumer (EMBS)

Chuck Seabury (MTTS)

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM.

## Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the February 2 meeting were accepted without change.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was accepted without change.

## Metrics: Actuals vs. Plan

See Appendix [A](#_Appendix_A).

## Buenaventura Success Stories

Bob Rumer reported that the CLU Career Night was attended by about 250 people. EMBS members met with about a dozen students before the career night, who asked lots of insightful questions.

Bridge Carney reported that the Entrepreneur Workshop was well received. There were a total of 43 attendees.

Several OpCom members attended the National Engineers Week event at the Reagan Library. IEEE had three tables. The speaker was excellent, and the award and scholarship recipients were very appreciative.

## Strategic Focus - "Amplifying the Impact"

We discussed some of the upcoming local events, and various was to achieve synergy with other science and engineering societies, corporations, and educational institutions.

### Some Upcoming Events

* April 1 - Ventura County Science Fair
* April 4 - Senior Member Elevation - Reza Firozabadi has received 20 applications, and 7 volunteers to be reviewers. He will need more reviewers.
* May 20 - Spring Mixer
* May 27 - Entrepreneurship Series
* July Mixer - Perhaps do something with women in engineering, e.g. team up with SWE
* Summer - Two company tours
* Fall Fundraising Event - Perhaps focus on K-12 education

For section events where there is a fee, we should offer a discount to IEEE members, and consider a discount or free attendance to members of the armed services.

Other possible event topics and synergy ideas:

* Meet with the other engineering societies and work together for county or state STEM funding.
* Entrepreneurship Series - Patenting Your Idea
* 5k run

May 20 Mixer

The tentative name for the mixer is "Rising Stars and Old Nebulas in Blue Jeans". Zak Cohen will highlight the historical event for the date - the patent for blue jeans.

We discussed a number of ways to amplify the event:

* Charity: Ask attendees to bring old jeans to donate.
* Young professionals: Bob Rumer will reach out to the mentor/mentee participants. This would be a chance for them to meet face-to-face.
* Nathalie Gosset has ordered 10/20/30/50 year pins for eligible members, and will present to the eligible members who attend.
* Bridge Carney will see if the Ventura County Star will cover the event.
* Bridge Carney and Nathalie Gosset will look into fundraising and promotion with potential corporate sponsors.
* Chuck Seabury will reach out to the Ventura County Astronomical Society to see if they want to do any cross-promotion of events.
* Doug Askegard will apply for PACE funding.

We discussed the pros and cons of having the event at the Los Robles Golf Course vs. the CLU Huddle Campus. Ross Kocen will look into the costing, with assistance from Bridge Carney and Zak Cohen.

## Other Topics

Bob Rumer will get some information on the Johns Hopkins bioengineering summer course at CLU, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Bob will also reach out to La Reina High School to see if there is an upcoming event where we can present the Region 6 Outstanding Pre-University award.

## Next Meeting

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| Date/Time | March 30, 2015, 6:30 PM |
| Location | Home of Nathalie Gosset and Doug Askegard, Simi Valley |
| Strategic Focus | Chapters: Finances, Teams, and Programs |

## Appendix A

