**Date**: March 27, 2017

**Time**: 6:30 – 8:00

**Attendees**

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| Bob Rumer | Doug Askegard | Nathalie Gosset |  |
| Cristian Cismaru | Howard Turner | Reza Firoozabadi |  |
| Darrell Gooden | Jerry Knotts | Sana Sarfraz |  |
| Deron Johnson | Li Huang | Stephanie Knotts |  |

# Calendar of Section events

 

# Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes were accepted

**Past Months Events**

* Entrepreneurship Group
  + The interactive style of the sessions brings more participants to the events. The format for the meetings is still evolving, some changes will be made based on feedback from the 1st mixer. Overall, very positive change. Maybe more pizza next time.
* David Pehlke’s Communications Chapter talk was phenomenal, “best 5G talk presented” as reported by Li Huang.
* The Mission to Juno, the aerospace chapter talk from Tracy Drain, attracted so many registrations that the chapter officers had to close the registrations to be able to accommodate everyone in the room. It was great to see several high school students in the audience among our IEEE engineers.
* The DevOps talk was also very well received. The speaker, Marc Hornbeek, has delivered several phenomenal talks for IEEE.
* Robotics group held a meeting about integrating renewable energy sources into the grid that engaged lots of participation. Another great IEEE event.
* Professional Development Activities of our Section
  + Senior Membership elevation event went well and was hosted at the Hub 101.
    - 8 candidates submitted their application on time and 12 reviewers wrote reference letters to support the submission to IEEE for the elevation to Sr. member. The applications and reference letters will be evaluated in Singapore on April 22nd. Candidates will be informed in early to mid May.
    - Reza shared the background of the candidates with the Section officers as frequently the caliber of our members warrants to invite them to consider being a speaker.
  + Ventura County fair judging
    - Check out our Facebook site
    - [Facebook Pictures](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1448886408515763.1073741847.554100581327688&type=1&l=4ad4e28400)

**CLU Relationship is greatly valued and honored by us**

* Deron gave background information about the support we receive from CLU for our event. We discussed ways we could continue to maintain a strong relationship with CLU. There should still be only 1 point of contact for reserving rooms
* If there are dates where no speakers are available then the rooms can be used for section events (training, a different speaker or something else)

**Lightboard at CLU Follow-up**

* Nathalie and Mirwais have put together a grant proposal to submit to IEEE Sight program that is being reviewed by the team of officers. This is a creative idea that supports interactive learning of STEM and is based on Lightboard technology.
* This can be an exciting project for the section
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* Link with information about Lightboard technology
  + <https://sites.google.com/site/northwesternlightboard/>

**Professional Development Activities**

* Some activities that the section holds to help with this
* EMBS job search event
  + Open to all STEM students
* Mixer Ideas
  + Some ideas to make mixers more interactive were discussed
  + Some examples were discussed
  + **The Mixer has been rescheduled for April, 29**
    - **The theme is Engineering Trivia**

**More News**

* Membership development
  + The section did pretty well in 2016
  + Data from Eventbrite is used to add new people to mailing lists
    - Chapters were asked to either add walkup people to Eventbrite or send the walkups to Deron in an electronic format
  + To make it easy to get data, everyone should use the section Eventbrite account
  + Deron will put together information for how to create events there
* There was a discussion about starting a Young Professionals Affinity group
  + The region may provide some seed money
  + There needs to be at least 6 members and 2 meetings or events per year
  + Some ideas for events are to have social activities, like bowling night or happy hour
  + Section 9.9 of the MGA Operations manual has all the details about forming an affinity group
    - <http://www.ieee.org/documents/mga_operations_manual.pdf>
* IEEE Sections Congress
  + Sana will be our representative in Sydney, Australia

**Next Meeting**: 4/24/17

* Go over financials
  + Al 2016 paperwork was turned in on time
  + All chapters are doing fine this year
  + The first part of the 2017 funds for the IEEE Foundation grant was received. We are still awaiting the second part of the 2016 IEEE Foundation support.