IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# December 14, 2015

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| Rancho Campana High School, Camarillo, CA |

## Attendees

Doug Askegard

Zak Cohen

Ping Fang

Reza Faroozabadi

Nathalie Gosset

Deron Johnson

Jerry Knotts

David Pehlke

Bob Rumer

Chuck Seabury

Rancho Campana High School

We started at 6:00 PM with a tour of [Rancho Campana High School](http://www.ranchocampanahigh.us/). This is a new public high school serving Camarillo, consisting of three academies: Arts & Entertainment, Engineering, and Medical Sciences. Our tour was led by Katie Barry of the Academy of Engineering, who stayed for our meeting. The school is looking for engineering volunteers, for help with projects, as speakers, for internship opportunities, conducting practice interviews, and job shadowing.

The OpCom meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

## Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the [November 30](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2015-11-30-IEEE-BV-OpCom-minutes.docx) meeting were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report and Budget Update

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

## Section Updates

GLOBECOM

GLOBECOM 2015 was very successful. Buenaventura provided 18 volunteer-days. The organizers wanted a minimum of 2300 attendees, and ended up with over 2900. The keynotes were very well received.

IEEE Foundation

Buenaventura has received a grant for $16,331 by the IEEE Foundation entitled Young Minds Know about Technology, Imaging, Water, and Agriculture. The funds must be spent in 2016. Half of the amount will be transferred to our account in early January, with the remainder transferred later in the year after we show progress. The intent is to document a program that can be replicated by other locations.

Awards Dinner - Plan

The annual awards dinner will be on Thursday, January 14, at the [Hillcrest Center for the Arts](http://www.hillcrestarts.com/directions#text) (the old Thousand Oaks city hall). Chapter chairs will be asked to provide the list of names of the volunteers to invite for each of their chapters, and if any should receive special recognition.

[Chuck Seabury and Doug Askegard joined at 7:05 PM]

## 2016 Plan and Appointments

See the [Appendix](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2015-12-14-IEEE-BV-OpCom-minutes-appendix.pdf) for the list. We have a number of open positions for volunteers.

Discussion

* Doug Askegard agreed to forward the membership development reports and meeting invites to the team.
* Nathalie would like to help chapters focus on fundraising.
* Bob filled us in on a meeting he had with Phil Hampton at CSU Channel Islands, regarding [STEM ecosystem](http://stemecosystems.org/first-community-of-practice/#ventura-county-stem) activities in Ventura County. There are challenges with connecting willing volunteers with the places they are needed.
* Nathalie mentioned that [VC Innovates](http://vcinnovates.org/) has a need for mentors for high school students. They would like to give them a real world problem to solve, and highlight those solutions at, for example, the NEWC banquet.
* Humanitarian activities are a big topic with Region 6.
* We have a number of events coming up, as listed in the [Appendix](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2015-12-14-IEEE-BV-OpCom-minutes-appendix.pdf). Each event is in need of a chair.
* We are still in need of a Section Vice Chair for 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

## Next Meeting

Please see the [Appendix](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2015-12-14-IEEE-BV-OpCom-minutes-appendix.pdf) for proposed 2016 OpCom meeting dates.

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| Date/Time | January 25, 2016, 6:30 PM |
| Location | Home of Nathalie Gosset and Doug Askegard, Simi Valley |
| Strategic Focus | Our Value to our Members – Membership Development |