IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# January 25, 2016

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| Simi Valley, CA |

## Attendees

Ali Alhatrashi

Doug Askegard

Tom Campbell

Bridge Carney

Zak Cohen

Ping Fang

Reza Faroozabadi

Nathalie Gosset

Deron Johnson

David Pehlke

Bob Rumer

Sana Sarfraz

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

Awards

Doug Askegard was presented with a special "IEEE Digger for Funds Award", for his successful efforts in applying for funds for our events.

The section purchased a toaster oven for the CLU Center for Entrepreneurship, to express our appreciation to Mike Panesis for letting us use their space for our mixers and some other events. Nathalie told us he was very appreciative of the gift.

## Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the [December 14](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2015-12-14-IEEE-BV-OpCom-minutes.docx) meeting were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report and Budget Update

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

It was noted that the Entrepreneurship program falls under the section budget, since it is not associated with a chapter.

## Section Updates

Nathalie suggested that each chapter apply for an IEEE outstanding chapter award. Each society honors one chapter globally as its outstanding chapter. Nathalie can provide the template.

Nominations were solicited for Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year. So far, no engineers and only one project has been submitted. Nathalie will send out an E-mail to all OpCom members. Please send any other nominations to Nathalie no later than Jan. 31, and we will vote online on Feb. 1. The EOY must live or work in Ventura or Santa Barbara County. The POY must be from a company with a branch or headquarters in Ventura or Santa Barbara County.

Hannah Robinson, chair of the science department at La Reina High School, won the local NEWC Educator of the Year award. She also received the IEEE Region 6 Educator of the Year award.

NEWC - The section has funded a number of seats at 50% off for IEEE members, and free for students. Bob Rumer will reach out to students who might want to attend.

## 2016 Section and Chapter Officers

See the [Appendix](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-01-25-IEEE-BV-OpCom-appendix.pdf) for the list. Please let Nathalie know if you are interested in any of the section positions. Note that Section Vice Chair is still open. We also reviewed the list of chapter officers in the [Appendix](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-01-25-IEEE-BV-OpCom-appendix.pdf).

Nathalie will send out a list of suggested speakers with contact information.

[Bridge left at 7:55 PM.]

Each chapter has one evening per month allocated to them for their meetings. See the [Appendix](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-01-25-IEEE-BV-OpCom-appendix.pdf) for the list. We also discussed other venues that we could use. Note that La Reina we are limited to three meetings in the fall semester, and three meetings in the spring.

## Upcoming Section Events

* March 3 - Section Mixer
* March 10 - Senior Member Elevation

We discussed whether to change the fee for the Entrepreneurship workshops in order to increase attendance. We decided not tot change anything at this time. Since Entrepreneurship is not associated with a chapter, it needs to remain self-funding.

Chapter chairs received some items they can use as door prizes at their meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

## Next Meeting

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| Date/Time | February 29, 2016, 6:30 PM |
| Location | Home of Nathalie Gosset and Doug Askegard, Simi Valley |
| Strategic Focus | Chapters: Speaker Series - Venues– Teams – Finances  |