IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# February 29, 2016

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| Simi Valley, CA |

## Attendees

Doug Askegard

Zak Cohen

Reza Faroozabadi

Nathalie Gosset

Deron Johnson

Jerry Knotts

Bob Rumer

Sana Sarfraz

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

## Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the January 25 meeting were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report and Budget Update

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Please submit your expense reports promptly, so the report can accurately reflect how much money we really have.

## Section Updates

The Electronic Devices Society provided an Electronic Snap Circuits kit. Nathalie is holding on to it for now. It might be useful for the Players of the Light event.

Nathalie Gosset is acting Entrepreneurship chair. For now, the Entrepreneurship funds have been transferred to the Life Members group. Some of the speakers have been referred to the technical chapters, since they were more comfortable with technical topics.

NEWC Feedback

There were 30 people at the IEEE tables. The unused student tickets were released for friends of La Reina. Next year, we might want to do handle the "free" tickets differently. We need to make sure the attendees understand there is a significant cost to IEEE. Perhaps a $25 deposit for some guests, to be refunded if they actually attend.

March and April Events

We have ten events in March: The Senior Member elevation, the mixer, and eight chapter meetings

Reza Faroozabadi is chair of the Senior Member elevation event. Only seven candidates have signed up so far.

The mixer is March 23 at the CLU Entrepreneurship Center ("Huddle"). Volunteers are needed to help with setup, starting at ~4:30 PM.

April 30 is the precision agriculture event. More details next month.

Funding Updates

Chapter Funding: Please look at "Funding for 2016" in the [Appendix](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-02-29-IEEE-BV-OpCom-appendix.pdf). Each society has its own rules, so each chapter chair should look at the rules for their chapter.

GlobeCom: We should expect to see the funds from GlobeCom in mid-2016, after the books on the conference are closed.

STEM activities

We have become more visible in the community, so we might be able to coordinate with other engineering societies. Bob put together a [brochure](http://www.ieee-bv.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-02-29-IEEE-BV-OpCom-STEM-Engineering-Brochure.zip) (MS Publisher) for the National Engineering Week event, to recruit more volunteers for schools. Goals: (1) Infrastructure to match engineers with teachers without us being in the middle. (2) Awareness by core officers of local engineering societies. (3) Training for engineers on what is expected of them.

VC Innovates (affiliated with Ventura County Office of Education) is hosting an event on April 13 in Camarillo to introduce high school students to engineers.. Last year several IEEE officers attended. They also have a conference room on the site of the Camarillo Airport. It holds 35 people, and it might be available to us for chapter meetings.

Bob suggested other possibilities, e.g. engineering materials for high school career counselors in Ventura County.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

## Next Meeting

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| Date/Time | March 28, 2016, 6:30 PM |
| Location | Home of Nathalie Gosset and Doug Askegard, Simi Valley |