IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# April 26, 2021

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## Attendees

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| Doug Askegard | Victor Lin | Mohammad Tehrani |
| Karl Geiger | Momin Quddus |  |
| Deron Johnson | S. K. Ramesh |  |
| Jerry Knotts | Chuck Seabury |  |

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

## Last Month's Highlights

Mohammad: There is a Mars landing talk tomorrow. Mohammad will send details to Deron.

Jerry: May 4 meeting is planned, with speaker Momin Quddus.

Victor: Has info on virtual distinguished lecturers. Will send to Deron. Also, sent some speaker suggestions to Nathalie. One ran the SoCalTech web site.

Momin: April 27 meeting re sampling of an asteroid. Also, had talk about quantum computing. Will put link to slides on web site.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting - Deron

Minutes from the March 29 meeting were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report - Karl

Section spending continues to be minimal since we have switched to online meetings.

ComSoc chapter received its $1000 that was requested from the Communications Society.

IEEE is changing its accounting system. Karl will let us know any details that affect us.

## Recognition Brunch

We are holding off on scheduling this, hoping to do it in person. Deron obtained portfolios and mugs from Stephanie and put them in storage.

## Senior Member Elevation

We are holding off on scheduling this. The consensus is it is more effective in person.

## IEEE Foundation

Some speakers have been scheduled. We are still looking for speakers regarding Engineering Resilience to Drought and Wildfires, or other topics related to sustainable engineering. Please let Nathalie know if you have any contacts.

Next talk is "Re-engineering Resilience to Wildfires" (forestry that saved Shaver Lake from the Creek Fire), which is scheduled for April 27.

Planning for Girls Make Tech will start in June. We will look at in-person vs. virtual vs. hybrid event.

Keep in mind that any unspent funds need to be returned to IEEE Foundation. We already asked for an extension of the deadline from Dec. 2020 to Dec. 2021. It is "possible" that the IEEE Foundation would be open to an additional extension, but that is uncertain.

Coming up: For a team to plan a summer “field trip” for Engineering Sustainable Farming (probably drive-through or virtual).

## AIMS2

Ramesh: Recordings from the recent symposium on April 7-8 are now on the CSUN website. We had seven presentations covering a wide range of topics, and were 15 minutes each. Feel free to share. <https://www.ecs.csun.edu/aims2/2021/04/25/recordings-aims2-sixth-annual-student-research-symposium/>.

The program is supported by grants from the Dept. of Education, and funds about 150 students.

Here is the article from last week: <https://edsource.org/2021/inside-a-cal-state-northridge-program-that-helps-women-and-latinos-in-stem/653316>

## Other

Momin noted that the section officers list on the web site needs to be updated. Deron will do.

Karl mentioned the possibility of career coaching from [LoveYourMondaysCoaching.com](https://LoveYourMondaysCoaching.com/), perhaps as a section event.

We discussed the pros and cons of requiring people register ahead of time for virtual events. One plus is having a list of attendees and E-mail addresses.

## Next Meeting

**Monday, June 7, 2021; 6:30 PM PDT**