IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# October 25, 2021; 6:30 PM

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## Attendees

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| Doug Askegard | S.K. Ramesh |
| Karl Geiger | Bob Rumer |
| Deron Johnson | R. Sudhan |
| Momin Quddus | Mohammad Tehrani |

## Local Highlights

Aerospace

• Mohammad: October 21 talk "Quantitative Strategic Decision Making" went well. Working on a November speaker, pending permission from his company.

• Mohammad suggested that for future Webex meetings, we unmute attendees for the Q&A, so allow for more interaction.

EMBS

• Ramesh has a video that can be made available to our members and may be suitable for a virtual meeting. This was a talk by Tom Brunner, President and CEO of the Glaucoma Research Foundation on October 22, co-hosted by the IEEE-HKN Lambda Beta Chapter at CSUN: <https://www.csun.edu/engineering-computer-science/events/creating-your-future>

Microwave

• Momin: October meeting was on radio astronomy.

Photonics

• Sudhan: October 28 speaker is confirmed. "Life at a Startup - Fascinating Challenges and Opportunities". Speaker planned for November is not going to happen due to a schedule conflict.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting - Deron

Minutes were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report - Karl

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

All 2021 StorQuest costs will be transferred to the Foundation grant, since the vast majority of what is in storage is related to the STEM event. Doug reported that he and Nathalie were able to purge much of the old/useless materials from storage. (Thank you!)

## 2022 Treasurer Nominating Committee - Doug

Deron agreed to help Doug with this effort. He will pull out a call for nominations from a previous eNotice, and will try to pull a list of section members from the membership database that have been volunteers in the past.

## In-Person Venues/Recognition Brunch or Dinner

Mike Panesis told Mohammad that we can start having in-person meetings at Hub101 again "sometime soon".

Momin will reach out to Cristian Cismaru about in-person meetings at Skyworks.

Doug suggested that Los Robles Greens might be a possible venue for a recognition dinner and will contact the banquet facility to determine price and availability.

Doug has volunteered to send out our supply of portfolios as thank you gifts to the STEM mentors. Deron will provide him with a list. Also noted that UPS is one of the companies that offers discounts to IEEE members: <https://www.ieee.org/membership/discounts/index.html>

Momin asked if he could spend some money on IEEE Buenaventura Section branded pens, to give away at any upcoming in-person events. The price is $0.69 each. After discussion, moved by Momin, seconded by Karl, that $300 be budgeted for pen purchase. **Approved** unanimously.

## Girls Make STEM with Heart - Deron

Overall the event went well. 114 middle-school girls and 50 parents attended. Many positive comments in a post-event survey to parents. Deron is putting together a lessons learned document.

Mohammad suggested more outreach to underrepresented minorities. Perhaps we can target schools with a larger minority population. Ramesh offered to spread the word through CSUN’s AIMS2 program that has strong ties to students from underrepresented communities in STEM. For more information see <https://entrepreneurship.ieee.org/2021_10_18_aims2-awards-excellence-leader/> .

## IEEE Foundation Grant Lectures

We are on track to meet our goal for lectures for this year.

## Newsletter Guidance - Deron

Deron asked whether we should continue to list external events in the weekly updates and newsletter. ("External" in this case means events that are not officially hosted/co-hosted by IEEE-BV or one of its chapters, or where there is not some sort of cross-promotion history between organizations.) The question was whether listing external events dilutes our message about IEEE-BV events, and whether it is worth the effort to validate these entries.

The consensus of the OpCom was that it is still worth listing external events submitted by OpCom members. Going forward, Deron should assume that entries submitted by OpCom members have been validated, and Momin will help triage. Entries for the newsletter still need to be submitted by the deadline.

## Lyman Hays Estate

We noted with sadness the passing of Lyman Hays. Lyman was a past IEEE-BV officer, and volunteer at several STEM events. His estate reached out to ask if we are interested in any of the RF equipment that was in his home. We decided no, but will let some folks who might be interested know how to contact the estate trustee.

## First Lego League Robotics

Bob reported that he expects to spend far less than the $2200 budgeted. Deron will discuss this with Nathalie, since the two of them have primary responsibility for the IEEE Foundation grant funds.

## Next Meeting

**Monday, November 29, 2021; 6:30 PM PDT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

## Event Scheduling

[www.ieee-bv.org/conferences-and-events](https://www.ieee-bv.org/conferences-and-events/)

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| **Schedule** | **Chapter** | **Contact** |
| 1st Tue of month | Entrepreneurship | Jerry K. |
| 1st Wed of month | RAS/IAS | Doug A. |
| 2nd Tue of month | Communications | Victor L. |
| 2nd Wed of month | Computer | Deron J. |
| 3rd Tue of month | Microwave | Momin Q. |
| 3rd Thu of month | Aerospace | Mohammad T. |
| Last Mon of month | Section OpCom | Momin Q. |
| Last Tue of month | ED/CAS | Cristian C. |
| Last Wed of month | EMBS | Bob R./Reza F. |
| Last Thu of month | Photonics | Sudhan |