IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# January 31, 2022; 6:30 PM

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## Attendees

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| Doug Askegard | Momin Quddus |
| Karl Geiger | S.K. Ramesh |
| Nathalie Gosset | R. Sudhan |
| Deron Johnson | Mohammad Tehrani |
| Victor Lin |  |

## Local Highlights

Aerospace

Momin will be attending the [IEEE Aerospace Conference](https://www.aeroconf.org/) in Big Sky Montana in March.

Microwave

Momin: January virtual meeting "Psyche, Journey to Metal Planet". Momin has applied for $1000 from MTT Society.

Photonics

Sudhan: No meeting in February, but a speaker is planned for March.

Nathalie suggested putting ED/CAS and RAS/IAS placeholders on the agenda, even though they do not currently have a chair.

Deron reported that Cristian said he cannot continue as ED/CAS chair. Skyworks is currently not open to visitors, or even to staff if they can work remote.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting - Deron

Minutes were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report - Karl/Nathalie

Thank you to Karl for serving as 2020 - 2021 Treasurer, and welcome to Nathalie as our new Treasurer. Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

## Recognition Brunch/Dinner

After discussion, we decided to defer a decision for another month since Covid is still spreading. Momin and Mohammad suggested we look at a metric for go/no-go decision. E.g. change (slope) of [rate of spread](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=California&data-type=Risk&list_select_county=6111) and current [county guidelines](https://www.venturacountyrecovers.org/newsroom/).

- Doug took an action item to check on availability of Los Robles Greens for a possible dinner the week of March 14 - 17, and find out about any deposit required.

## 2022 Budget Discussion

Nathalie presented the proposed 2022 budget. The budget was drafted based on input from the section ExCom and chapter chairs.

**Discussion**

• Are we tracking encumbered funds (e.g. scholarships and student awards)?

Deron: Yes, Deron and Nathalie will work through this.

• Are we going to continue semi-annual STEM events? Are we going to dip into chapter funds or section reserve every year to fund them?

- Doug: Suggested those of us with employers ask them if they would like to fund a STEM event, because it provide excellent community support publicity for the employer.

Nathalie took action item to reach out to our volunteers to do this. Deron will put together list of STEM volunteers for us to potentially contact.

Deron: Our communication with schools is that we cannot necessarily commit to STEM events every year, so money taken from 2021 end-of-year balance does not set a precedent.

Victor agreed to moving $850 from ComSoc to section for this purpose.

• Will getting corporate sponsors for STEM events raise any issues with IEEE leadership?

Deron: It should not be an issue since there is precedent for this.

- [Subsequently, Ramesh confirmed that this is okay. Deron has reached out to Mostafa Mortezaie (IEEE R6 Pre-College Activities Chair) to see if he had any additional guidelines.]

**Motion**

Moved by Doug, seconded by Deron, to approve the 2022 budget. **Approved** unanimously.

## Region 6 OpCom

Doug sent out this link right after the meeting: <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/293241>. February 25 - 27, online.

## Other

Deron will file "L31" meeting reports that have not been filed. He will also file them for the individual STEM student workshops on behalf of chapters that need to fill their quota.

Tentative date for Santa Paula STEM event is March 26. [Subsequently confirmed.]

## Next Meeting

**Monday, February 28, 2022; 6:30 PM PST.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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 |