IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# January 2, 2023; 6:30 PM

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## Attendees

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| Doug Askegard | Momin Quddus |
| Nathalie Gosset | S.K. Ramesh |
| Deron Johnson | Bob Rumer |
| Jerry Knotts | Mohammad Tehrani |
| Victor Lin |  |

## Local Highlights

Aerospace - Mohammad

No activity yet for 2023. There was an AESS distinguished lecturer last month.

ComSoc - Victor

The December meeting featured Frank Chang of Source Photonics. Victor has submitted a write-up for the IEEE ComSoc Global Communications Newsletter. The chapter will be co-hosting meeting with the Oregon ComSoc chapter in January.

Entrepreneurship & LMAG - Jerry

Things were quiet the last month due to year-end tasks.

EMBS - Bob

They are working on tracking down speakers. Ramesh recommended a speaker to Bob who is working on implantable devices.

MTTS - Momin

MTTS had a joint meeting last month. They are waiting for Skyworks to reopen.

Photonics - Doug

Doug has communicated with Sudhan. Sudhan is looking at a possible speaker who is working on a new satellite that uses technology from some local companies.

## Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from Deron were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report

We reviewed the 2022 summary. The Sections Congress is a new item for 2023. In 2022 we did not give out any scholarships. Momin is on the NEWC committee, but no activity there so far. Nathalie suggested other avenues such as professors we know. Or, for accepting submissions, we could use something like Google Forms or [OpenWater](https://www.getopenwater.com/).

Treasurer's Report from Nathalie was accepted as submitted.

## Recognition Event

Last year we used Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks, and there was a consensus that venue worked well. Doug sent Momin the contact information. Nathalie reminded us to make sure we get the notice out well in advance.

## STEM Event

The next STEM event will be on Saturday, March 4 at Isbell Middle School in Santa Paula. Deron will be sending out a call for volunteers in the next couple of days.

## Meeting Reports

Deron reminded the section chairs that he has sent out a summary of reported meetings, and that [reports need to be filed](https://events.vtools.ieee.org/tego_/events/administration) with IEEE by early February. He agreed to put together a short how-to document.

## Nominating Committee

Nathalie has volunteered to chair the committee, and Deron has offered to assist. We would like to focus on filling out existing vacant volunteer positions in the section first. Next steps are to put together an E-mail, and to reach out to past volunteers.

## Membership Development

Ramesh shared some membership statistics. Of our current members, we have 57 who have not renewed (1 GSM, 8 SM, and 48 M) that we should reach out to and encourage to continue. In addition, we have 8 Life Members who have not renewed, and Nathalie observed it should be relatively easy to remind them to stay active and continue. Ramesh suggested starting with the Section Chair sending a personalized E-mail informing them of the activities we have planned and encouraging them to renew.

Ramesh pointed out that some IEEE benefits such as [IEEE Learning Network](https://iln.ieee.org/public/TrainingCatalog.aspx) and [IEEE Academies](https://www.ieee.org/education/academy-index.html) could be highlighted in the newsletter and elsewhere.

## Other IEEE News

Ramesh gave us several updates.

Chapter Recognition

CSUN’s Lambda Beta Chapter of IEEE-HKN was one of 42 Chapters selected to receive a [Key Chapter Award](https://hkn.ieee.org/news-and-announcements/2022/11/ieee-eta-kappa-nu-ieee-hkn-announces-key-chapter-recipients-for-2021-2022) in October 2022. The Key Chapter recognition celebrates chapters that participate in activities identified as the best practices of successful chapters. Every chapter has the potential to earn the Key Chapter recognition. Key Chapter banners were presented on 29 October 2022 during the Awards and Recognition Banquet at the Student Leadership Conference.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to Ashley Kuhnley of Lambda Beta Chapter, California State University, Northridge. Ashley is the winner of the 2022 IEEE-HKN [Alton B. Zerby and Carl T Koerner Outstanding Electrical or Computer Engineering Student Award](https://hkn.ieee.org/get-involved/awards/alton-b-zerby-and-carl-t-koerner-outstanding-student-award). Ashley served as the president of her HKN Chapter as well as on the IEEE-HKN Board of Governors as a 2022 Student Governor. As a special gesture, the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter plans to present the Lambda Beta Chapter with a $500 award to support chapter activities at an event coming in February 2023.

Ashley was a past Girls Make STEM with Heart volunteer. She is a recent AIMS2 graduate, peer mentor and RA, and is presently pursuing the PhD degree at the University of Minnesota.

ABET

Ramesh is the new [ABET President](https://www.abet.org/spotlight-s-k-ramesh/) (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology). They are looking for [program evaluators](https://www.abet.org/program-evaluators/become-a-program-evaluator/), particularly ones from industry.

Guest Speaker Invitation

One of the classes Ramesh is teaching this spring is an introductory electrical engineering class. He would love to have one or two guest speakers, so let him know if you are interested.

## Next Meeting: Monday, January 30, 6:30 PM PST

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

## Event Scheduling

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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 | *vacant* |
| Last Wed of month | EMBS | Bob R./Reza F. |
| Last Thu of month | Photonics | Sudhan |

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   * **What** is the title?
   * **When** and **where** is the event?
   * **Why** it is of interest (abstract)?
   * **How** can people register, or **how** can they contact someone for more information?
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