IEEE Buenaventura Section

OpCom Meeting Minutes

# August 28, 2023; 6:30 PM

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## Attendees

| Doug Askegard | Victor Lin |
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| Lubos Breida | Chuck Seabury |
| Nathalie Gosset | Mohammad Tehrani |
| Deron Johnson | Don Thomas |
| Jerry Knotts |  |

## Local Highlights

Introduction

Lubos Breida was introduced as a new volunteer. His background is in computational physics. Momin suggested he can act as our Section Program Chair, who can reach out to potential speakers.

Aerospace - Mohammad

The AES society had one distinguished lecturer in August.

Computer - Don

The September 13 speaker will be [Farmbot - Open Source Agricultural Robotics](https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/368285)

ComSoc - Victor

Working on a speaker for the new WiFi standard. It should be sometime this year, possibly at Skyworks.

Victor noted he has recently started working part time on ISTO industry standards, and is also working on ISCC 2024 in Colorado.

EMBS

**Deron** said will send an E-mail to current EMBS officers/volunteers to see if anyone wants to take on the chapter chair, and will cc Momin.

Entrepreneurship/LMAG

Jerry has not been able to talk to Mike about Hub101, since Mike has been on travel. Jerry will be there next week.

Mohammad suggested reaching out to LMAG members to see if they would like to present.

Momin suggested an IEEE meeting at Hub101 to support a mini "pitch competition". **Jerry** will suggest it.

## Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from Deron of the July 31 meeting were accepted as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report

For the July AES chapter meeting, LMAG paid for Hub101, and will pay for the food. Hub101 charge was $122.50 for 2.5 hours.

Treasurer’s report for Nathalie was accepted as submitted.

## Outreach Events

Girls Make STEM with Heart: Nathalie moved that we suspend GMSWH this fall, since we do not have a chair, and the consensus agreed. **Deron** will send out a list of what is involved in running the event. Most of this documentation is already in [Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hverbEHgH_vYCYI0iZRqutiCj45JPUr9) and and a brief summary is on the [TryEngineering STEM Portal](https://stemportal-tryengineering.ieee.org/programs/detail/7905bbe9-e4d8-4c23-8295-8521ad7877a6).

FIRST Lego League Qualifying Tournament: Deron and Bob attended a kickoff meeting on August 19. The event is scheduled for Sunday, November 12 with some setup Saturday afternoon, November 11. Bob is coordinating the volunteers, and Deron will be assisting as “co-Tournament Director”.

## IEEE Sections Congress

Momin gave us an overview of what went on at the Sections Congress. Please see the information he sent out with the meeting agenda for some details. Some highlights:

Credentialing: We can arrange for some of our technical talks to be used for continuing education hours for Professional Engineers, etc.

A number of members choose not to renew every year, but we also get new members. The suggestion was that officers reach out to members that did not renew to ask why, and also reach out to new members to ask what their expectations are.

Top 3 priorities recommended from the Sections Congress to the IEEE board: 1. Provide continuing incentives to volunteers. 2. Continuing education in the IEEE professional field. 3. Membership value. Details are here: <https://sections-congress.ieee.org/SC2023-recommendations.html>

## Nominating Committee/Succession Plan

A call for nominations/volunteers went out on August 26. [Update: We heard from one respondent who is interested in either Treasurer or Secretary.]

Deron suggested that **each OpCom member** out to at least one other person to see if they would like to be a section officer.

## Next Meeting: Monday, September 25, 6:30 PM Pacific.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

## Event Scheduling

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

| **Schedule** | **Chapter** | **Chair** |
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| 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 | Don T. |
| 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. |
| Last Thu of month | Photonics | Sudhan |