



Our next board meeting will be in April. Meeting date will be determined.

Metropolitan Los Angeles Section Minutes of Meeting

Date: March 13rd, 2009

Location: Santa Barbara Room, SCE Headquarter in Rosemead

Attendees:

Yvonne Marchand – Section Chair
Jacky Wong – Section Secretary
Dr. Larry Bergman – PACE Chair
Mike Orn – GOLD Chair
Blanca Solares – Women in Engineering Chair
Vice-chairs – CSULA Student Branch

The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Marchand, Section Chair, at 11:30 a.m.

Metro Section Chair report

Yvonne asked the section secretary to get all the meeting minutes updated and send out for review and approval.

Since Charles is not here, Yvonne gave a brief update of our financial situation. Section's finance is in good standing.

Yvonne reported the LA Science Bowl was successful. There were 450 participants. Metro LA co sponsored this event with PES and DWP.

Metro LA presented the 2008 Outstanding Engineer award to Dr. Peter Beerel in the next general membership meeting on March 6 in Pasadena.

GOLD Chair report

Mike will prepare a powerpoint presentation for the STEP program. The STEP program will be held in CSULA during the 1st week of April. The best day is on Friday. Kai Choi from CSULA will reserve conference room.

Mike will follow up with Cal Tech student branch. We haven't heard from them for any updates and activities.

PACE Chair Report

Larry reported the Consumerization Innovation Presentation on March 6 in Pasadena was successful. The speaker is Tom Soderstrom. About 22 to 23 people attended the lunch presentation.

Larry already contacted USC regarding tour of the new cinematic theater. The tour is doable and will be led by USC student. Normally, the tour is open to public during weekdays, and it is a one hour tour. Touring schedule is as follows, Monday 3:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Friday 11:00 am. And Sunday schedule is limited. Larry will confirm a date of mid April and let us know by email.

Women in Engineering Report

Blanca will host minimum two meetings in a year

Blanca is looking into a general meeting to present the NERC CIP mandating standards. Possible meeting date is in June.

USC Student Branch Report

Yvonne received an activity report from Jeannette Chang. Activities include 1) March Corporate Speaker General Meeting, 2) IEEE Professor Pie Toss (4/2, 2-4pm), 3) HKN-IEEE Wii Quad (tentatively 4/9, 4) Channel Islands Board Transition Event (late April/early May)

CSULA Student Branch Report

Kai Choi reported their student branch will join with San Fernando Valley Section to participate the JPL Software seminar on June 13. Metro LA Section decided to sponsor this event with \$300.

CSULA IEEE will have a fund raising in Spring quarter. They are also organizing two more technical field trips including SCE Grid Control Center in Alhambra and Scott Engineering in Walnut.

Future events in consideration and calendar

- Metro LA general meeting in MWD – May 14th, topics is Water Challenges in Southern California
- Kodak Theater tour
- Tesla electric vehicle motor work presentation
- “The Big One”
- Mt. Wilson Observatory
- Vandenberg air base tour

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Questions or comments of these minutes could be sent to Metro L.A. Section Secretary, Jacky Wong
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