

San Francisco Section IEEE

EXCOM Minutes

February 6, 2007

Camissa and Wipf

1. Sandra called the meeting to order at 1209
2. **Present:** Dan Sparks, Sandra Ellis, George Puffett, Ray Holstead, Bob Giebeler, Shirin Tabatabai, Michael Butler, and Julian Ajello.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** We have \$66,549.27 in the concentration account excluding January interest. Ray is still waiting for L-50s from the Chapters so he can put together the Section's. It is due to IEEE February 24. We received an \approx \$20k rebate from Region 6 that was left over from the Wescon settlement. We agreed to let the Region retain \approx \$2000 of it for a regional scholarship. We will publicize the scholarship when it is announced. SFBAC rebated \$2,111.93 on February 1 to the Section. We distributed rebates of \approx \$2,000 each to PES, IAS, and COMSOC.
4. **IAS:** The November 28 meeting was well attended. The subject was photovoltaics. The subject of the February 27 meeting will be "Green" Building Management Systems. Ray noted that Dave Roybal is in the hospital and seriously ill.
5. **PES:** Completed its elections Ben Williams is chair for 2007 and Shirin is Vice Chair. Attendance at the January 18 meeting on Cathodic Protection was good. This month's meeting will be February 20 on Power Failure. The flyer just went out.
6. **COMSOC:** The new officers are Michael Butler, Chair; Tim Ryan, Treasurer, and Jim Jones, Secretary. The speaker for January 16 was Gary George. His company has an exclusive arrangement with PG&E to put fiber in PG&E conduits. There isn't a speaker for February 20 yet. Mike hopes to get one after this meeting. Last year was very successful with nine well attended meetings.
7. **EMBS:** The chapter is still struggling. Its members are mostly from UCSF and are interested in radiology and imaging. Bob has a couple of volunteers but they are young mothers so don't have much spare time. The OEB Section would like to revive its EMBS chapter. They have three times as many members as the San Francisco Section and shared their list with Bob. He is considering whether the next event should be a technical session or a mixer to get acquainted. In either case, he will invite the OEB members. Their meetings are scheduled for 6 pm at UCSF.
8. **GOLD:** As yet there is no Chair for 2007. Anyone with information on a prospective Chair should contact Sandra.
9. **Student Branches:** Julian has not yet succeeded in contacting the chair of the SFSU Student Branch. He has been corresponding with faculty. There also seems to be a new Advisor for the Branch. Even though the Student Branch at

City College of San Francisco did not get 20 member signatures on its petition, it has a full slate of officers so its formation is just a matter of time. Dan passed out T-shirts with the IEEE and CCSF logos at the organizing meeting. The CCSF student members are mostly in engineering technology and interested in communication subjects.

10. **PACE:** Pauline has an idea for a joint IEEE Toastmasters event.
11. **Council:** There was a good turnout for the officer training January 20. The Council met concurrently. The Council banquet will be March 31 at the San Mateo Marriott. There is space for 150 and tickets will be offered to member volunteers first for \$20 with a limit of two. Julian moved, George seconded, and the EXCOM voted to reimburse volunteers for up to two tickets. After February 21 tickets will be offered to the general membership at \$50. Grant Imahara from Mythbusters will be the speaker. The cost of the banquet is in excess of \$70 per person so all tickets will be subsidized to some extent.
12. **Region 6:** There is a meeting this weekend. Sandra will send a summary of 2006 Section activities.
13. It's time to set the deadline for Beth Pak Scholarship papers. Dr. Cooklev usually coordinates that. Last year there were three applicants but only two showed up for the interview. We awarded the scholarship to one of those.
14. Emory Fabri will be judging a science fair this week. The Section is contributing some prizes. The Bay Area Science Fair is coming up at Golden Gate Park. Sandra is looking for judges.
15. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm. The next EXCOM meeting will be noon on March 6 at Camissa and Wipf.

Respectfully submitted

Julian Ajello