



San Francisco Executive Committee

Excom Meeting, March 1, 2005

(Revised April 11; 10:53 AM)

Attendees

Dan Sparks
Julian Ajello
Curt Irwin
Gary Wong

George Puffett
Zach Nosker
Dave Roybal

Ray Holstead
Frank Stankis
George Mattathil

Meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February Excom meeting have been posted on the Section website. Excom members should review. Comments and revisions should be sent to Dan Sparks.

Treasurer's Report

- Dan reported that Seth Bromberger has resigned as Section Treasurer due to increased personal and professional responsibilities. Ray Holstead has been appointed as the new Treasurer. Dan thanked Seth for his service over the past 15 months.
- The \$5,000 seed money that SF Section loaned to PCIC2004 has produced a surplus distribution of \$22,011. A check in that amount was mistakenly sent to Dave Roybal. Dave forwarded the check to Seth Bromberger. Seth was unable to deposit the check and will forward it, along with all other Treasurer-related items, to Ray Holstead.
- Given the size of the PCIC distribution. Dan proposed a special, one-time distribution to active chapters to help them defray their expenses. Dan proposed \$1,000 be distributed to each of the following groups: SF IAS, SF PES, SF GOLD, SFSU Student Branch, and SF ComSoc. Dave added a proposal to contribute \$5,000 to replenish the Beth Pack Scholarship Endowment. The motion combining the two proposals (distributing a total of \$10,000) passed unanimously.
- Dan tabled discussion for the 2005 budget until the PCIC check was distributed and the \$10,000 was distributed. In addition, funding for SF Bay Area Council activities and EC/WESCON debt remain unclear and would significantly impact the Section budget.
- Dan proposed a formula for rebating the chapters for their technical meetings. After debate, Ray Holstead volunteered to find out the formula used by SFBAC to rebate chapters. Further discussion was tabled until the April Excom meeting.

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Chapter / Group Reports

- IAS: Dave reported that the Industry Applications Society held a technical meeting in February featuring David Skeans (Danaher Power Solutions). The topic was *Human Error in the Data Center*. Over 30 people attended. Dan has posted the presentation on the SF IAS website.
- IAS: March technical meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22. The topic is *The Single-Processor Concept for Protection and Control of Circuit Breakers in Low Voltage Switchgear*. The speaker is Marcelo Valdes (General Electric). Dan will post the flyer on the SF IAS website when it is ready.
- IAS: April and May technical meeting topics and speakers are tentatively set.
- IAS: IAS is planning a short course for fundraising.
- PES: March technical meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16. The topic is *Transbay HVDC Cable Technology*. The speaker is Lindsay Martin (Siemens). Dan has posted the flyer on the SF PES.
- ComSoc: George Mattathil has created a poll to gauge member interest. It will be sent, via e-mail, to SF ComSoc members.
- SFSU Student Branch: Zach reported that the student branch is planning a fundraiser by selling copies of class materials for a SFSU professor
- SFSU Student Branch: Zach has a student meeting planned with an alumna as the speaker.
- GOLD: SF GOLD was named the 2003 and 2004 Region 6 Outstanding GOLD Program. Dan presented the plaques to Curt Irwin. SF Section was not notified of the 2003 award until the same time as the 2004 award. Curt accepted the 2004 plaque and Dan will mail the 2003 plaque to former GOLD chairman Robb Myer.
- GOLD: GOLD has a social planned scheduled for Thursday, March 10 at Moylan's Brewery and Restaurant in Novato.
- Student Activities: Emery Fabri could not attend the meeting. The Beth Pack Scholarship will be awarded during the Spring semester at SFSU. Zach will publicize the scholarship. Dan will look for electronic versions of the application and flyer to forward to Zach.
- PACE: Pauline Tapia could not attend the meeting. The abbreviated PE Review Course is still scheduled as far as Dan is aware. He will follow-up with Pauline to see if she needs assistance and on the details of the course.
- Redwood Empire Subsection: Frank Stankis attended the meeting. He is Life Member in North Bay. He worked most of his career in the Los Angeles area and has relocated to this area. He is interested in revitalizing the Redwood Empire Subsection. Frank and Dan have exchanged emails with ideas on the subject. Dan would like to leverage the success of GOLD in the North Bay and the area's employer's Communications related interests to create a program of activities tailored to North Bay members' needs. Frank requested an email address listing of IEEE members in the area so he can contact them regarding forming an ad hoc subsection committee. It was agreed that Dan will run a SAMIEEE query and forward the results to Frank.

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ECI/Wescon/SFBAC

- Julian reported on the events of the last SFBAC meeting. As a cost-cutting measure, SFBAC voted to shut down the Council office and explore options for IEEE HQ assuming Marilyn Turner's salary.
- Technical seminars will be held at Wecon in an effort to boost attendance and increase foot traffic. Walt Whipple from Los Angeles Council is coordinating these seminars.
- SFBAC passed a motion to request that IEEE and Region 6 spend more effort and time on decreasing ECI's debt. Items such as negotiating a partial payment on the lease are to be explored. SFBAC feels that reducing ECI's debt is more worthwhile than trying to increase Wecon's revenues.

Other Business

- Dan reported that he was sent files for the Bruce Angwin Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was previously named the WESCON Scholarship. Dan posted the application and flyer on the Section Website. In addition, he posted links to the scholarship's homepage. The scholarship's 1st prize is \$5,000 and 2nd prize is \$3,000. High school juniors (Class of 2006) are only eligible for the scholarship.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 12:00 noon, at Cammisa and Wipf offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sparks