

San Francisco Section IEEE

EXCOM Minutes

May 1, 2007

Camissa and Wipf

1. **Present:** Sandra Ellis, Chair; Dan Sparks, Vice Chair; George Puffett, Director (briefly); Luis Soria (taking notes for George); Ray Holstead, Treasurer; Julian Ajello, Secretary; Bob Giebeler, EMBS; Ben Williams, PES; Michael Butler, COMSOC; Chris Osian, SFSU Student Branch Chair; Marvic Verzano, SFSU Student Branch Secretary
2. Sandra called the meeting to order at 1205. The minutes were approved as read
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The concentration account shows a balance of \$67,152.55. The check register shows a balance of \$65,778.96. There are a number of checks outstanding and interest has not yet been posted to the check register. Dan distributed an initial calculation of rebates to the chapters based on \$50 per meeting, \$5.00 per person for food, \$2.00 per member attending, and \$1.00 per non-member. Two motions were passed. One adopted the formula Dan used and the other resolved to pay the rebates after the May meeting reports are in and the rebates recalculated. The San Francisco Section participated in Globecom 2006 and is entitled to 10% of the surplus. This should amount to about \$24,000. We are expecting a check shortly. We plan to distribute half of it to the Comsoc Chapter.
4. **IAS:** Finn Schenk couldn't attend. Sandra was at the April meeting and reported that it was well attended. The next meeting will be May 22 which is also the date for the PES short course.
5. **PES:** A meeting is planned for Friday, May 4. There will be a short course on protection May 22 on the subject of protection and coordination. The Spring Banquet on May 30 will present opposing speakers on the subject of the Renaissance of Nuclear Power.
6. **COMSOC:** The April 17 meeting was on the next generation internet and drew about 21 attendees. They are working on a speaker for May but have not yet gotten a firm commitment.
7. **EMBS:** The chapter lost another officer due to the pressure of her work load. They are down to two. Membership increased by eleven to 61 total. They hope to schedule their first technical meeting in June. Bob is compiling a new mailing list and will use it to try to recruit more officers. Bob was just notified that he has been advanced to Senior Grade. Congratulations Bob!
8. **GOLD:** Alex Goldhammer is the GOLD Chair for the San Francisco Section. Neither OEB nor Santa Clara Council has a chair. The Council has scheduled a breakfast at Michaels for GOLD members from all three sections. There will be speakers on the benefits of GOLD participation and networking. The Council will pick up half of the cost and the sections will pick up the other half. San Francisco's share will be about \$95.00. A motion passed to pay our share before

- the event. Alex has two upcoming events: Networking night at Noe's on May 17 and a hike at Land's End on July 15. All members are encouraged to come; not just those within 10 years of graduation. Students are also invited.
9. **CCSF Student Branch:** Although Shawn couldn't attend, Dan reported that the data tour is still on. Grant Imahara impressed the students so much at the Council banquet that they are thinking of inviting him to an event at CCSF. He expressed an interest in working with students. The event could be financed with some of the Globecom money.
 10. **SFSU Student Branch:** The Student Branch organized a job fair in a classroom. They got four companies to participate. The room was packed; over 60 students. There was only one faculty member present but the event greatly raised the Branch's visibility. At the latest officer meeting all officers were present. There is a field trip on May 11 and they invited the CCSF Student Branch. They had one entry in the micromouse competition at the Central Area meeting at Chico. They did not finish the maze but placed about sixth in a field of about 30 based on number of squares completed. Sandra also attended and was very impressed. There were a number of awards in addition to the micro mouse contest. She was asked to judge papers for one of the awards. UC Berkeley submitted papers and made a presentation on its hands-on electronics program but did not have a micromouse entry. University of Hawaii had five or six entries and held the best time up until the last entry; one minute, thirty-eight seconds. UC Davis was evidently scheduled last for a reason. Its entry actually resembled a mouse and negotiated the maze in thirty-eight seconds. UCD won last year too. Sandra suggested that SFSU host the next Central Area micromouse competition.
 11. **SFBAC:** The volunteer banquet was a huge success but it nearly cleaned out the council's bank account. The current balance is about \$7,500. That is why the Sections are being asked to chip in for the three-section GOLD event. That event is the only Council activity right now. The Council shut down for the summer.
 12. **New Business:** The Public Utilities Commission was awarded the Supporting Friends of IEEE plaque. Dan hasn't received it yet. Loretta Arellano, the Region 6 Director may make the presentation at a Commission meeting.
 13. Two Beth Pak scholarships were awarded; one for \$1,000 and one for \$500. Julian and George judged the applications without interviewing the applicants. There wasn't time for interviews because the awards were made at a banquet last Saturday, April 28. The Student Aid Office cuts the checks for the scholarships and withdraws the money from the Beth Pak account. A motion passed to donate \$2,000 to replace the funds.
 14. We would like to start a Women in Engineering Affinity Group. We are looking for leaders. Several women have agreed to participate but none are willing to be chair. We would like to organize an event and try to recruit officers there. We need an idea for an event that would appeal to women engineers. Men are welcome to participate too.
 15. Dan reported that the Section website gets about 150 hits a month on average.

16. We received a thank you note from Dave Roybal's widow for our card and donation.
17. The next EXCOM meeting will be noon, September 4 at Camissa and Wipf.
18. Meeting adjourned at 1205 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Julian Ajello