Albuquerque Section IEEE Meeting

• Time and Date: 11:30AM, Tuesday November 27th, 2018
• Meeting Place: Yanni’s Mediterranean Restaurant & OPA, 3109 Central Avenue Southeast, 87106
• Members in Attendance (9):
  o Jason Neely – Chair
  o Harjit Ahluwalia – Sigma Xi, Life Member Vice Chair
  o Lee Rashkin – Secretary
  o George Oltmann – Life Member
  o Gilberto Zamora – Treasurer
  o Hy Tran – Member
  o Mike Jackovich – Member
  o Khandakar Nusrat Islam - Member
  o Jane Lehr - Member
• Lee –Secretary
  o Minutes were reviewed, amended and then accepted
  o Outstanding Action Items were discussed
• Discussion
  o Student branch formation:
    ▪ Gilberto has contact info at New Mexico State University (NMSU) and Navajo Technical University (NTU)
      • Some emails with NMSU – interest is questionable
      • Jane has some contacts with NTU and Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)
  o Treasurer Report - Gilberto
    ▪ October ending balance was discussed
    ▪ November current balance was discussed
    ▪ Pending expenses
      • Check to NMT for Rising Stars
      • Check to UNM for Solar Splash
    ▪ No outstanding funding requests
      • Should we reach out to NMSU, NTU, and SIPI for funding requests?
        o Teaching in Service programs or other projects at the $50 to $100 level to break the ice for larger efforts
        o Jane: NMSU should be higher priority as the others are associate programs
    ▪ NMT – does get support from university from student services part of tuition
    ▪ Yearly accounting on track to be in the black
      • Annual budget from IEEE is based on membership
      • Account balance due to fund raising by Harjit
        o Considered a safety net
        o Try not to dip into this account
o STEM – Hy
  ▪ Met with CNM computer chair and mentioned forming professional societies to help with ABET accreditation
    • Solar Splash presentation to senior members of professional societies
  ▪ Future funding requests:
    • New Mexico Partnership for Math and Science Education
      o Meeting next month
      o Will probably ask for matching funds
      o Court ruling that education is not equitable for Native population
    • Status of STEM Symposium unknown due to change in Governor
    • New K-12 Computer Science standards are coming
      o December 6 last day of public comments

o WEEF-GEDC
  ▪ Conference went well
  ▪ Offered free booth by organizers
    • Handed to Solar Splash
    • Was well manned by students
  ▪ Papers still need to be uploaded to IEEE/IEEEXplorer

o Young Professionals – PACE request put into IEEE

o Signal Processing – Jason for Amir
  ▪ Still working on reporting and meeting with members

o UNM
  ▪ Jane now HKN branch advisor – trying to separate the two groups
  ▪ Nusrat interested in reforming the Women in Engineering group
    • Has experience
    • Section can make an appointment for 2 years
      o Can also make her and interim chair so that she can start working on the paperwork
    • May need as many as 12 signatures
    • Members don’t have to be women

o Awards Banquet – Harjit
  ▪ Speaker will be the new UNM president
  ▪ Venue and most of menu are set
  ▪ We should look to get the nomination process started earlier
  ▪ Try and cast a wider net among other disciplines
  ▪ Might clash with finals schedule again
    • Set from May 13th
    • If we can announce it earlier, we might have more winners stay in town for the ceremony
  ▪ Nominations start March 1st
Announcements first week in April
Will 123SignUp be used again?

- Sigma Xi – Harjit
  - First talk next semester in February
    - February 21
    - Talk: Electromagnetic Sensing and Treatment of Living Things: Using Microwaves to Detect and Treat Disease in Humans and Trees
    - Speaker: Carey Rappaport, Northeastern University
  - Last talk on the science of whiskey was well received

- Life Members – George
  - Has list of meetings
  - Compiling reports for IEEE

- Collected $35 on bill