Albuquerque Section IEEE Meeting

- **Time and Date:** 11:30AM, Tuesday August 27th, 2019
- **Meeting Place:** Yanni’s Mediterranean Restaurant & OPA, 3109 Central Avenue Southeast, 87106

**Members in Attendance (10):**
- Jason Neely – Chair
- Harjit Ahluwalia – Sigma Xi, Life Member Vice Chair
- Gilberto Zamora - Treasurer
- Lee Rashkin – Secretary
- Hy Tran – Member, STEM Chair
- Mike Jackovich – Member
- David Rosewater – Member
- Skyler Nix – Member, YP Chair
- Khandakar Nusrat – Member
- Lee Gill - Member

- **Guests in Attendance (1):**
  - Roy Hogan

- **Lee –Secretary**
  - Minutes were reviewed, amended and then accepted
  - Outstanding Action Items were discussed

- **Discussion:**
  - **Treasurer Report – Jason and Gilberto**
    - July Closing Balance was discussed
    - August Current balance was discussed
    - Jason – Set up endowment scholarship based on earned interest?
    - Southwest Area Meeting – Expected costs
      - Incidentals and meals are included
      - A short 10-15 slide presentation advised on section activities and concerns
        - Bring up adopting NMSU
      - Skyler and Lee can go if necessary but will need support
        - Lee will look into going
  - **Young Professionals – Skyler**
    - Planned first event for late September
    - Will submit for IEEE funding
  - **Rising Stars Conference – 3-5 January in Las Vegas**
    - Expecting 20% growth - ~450 students
    - Push for exhibitors
    - 8+ workshops and competitions planned
      - HAM radio competition (Zombie Apocalypse)
      - Drone Workshop
      - Resume Workshop
    - Mixer in the Havana to intermingle with sponsors and SMEs
    - PACE no longer a funding source for sending students to the conference
- Skyler working with student chapter for additional fund raising
  - Russ Harrison from Government Relations not scheduled, but is still available with a couple of months of forenotice
- Awards
  - Jason Hamlet submitted to Region 6, and won R6 Outstanding Engineer Award
  - Look to wording section awards closer to the R6 titles to create more options to submit
  - Applicant is a good nominee for US Awards, according to Skyler’s R6 contacts, but the submission is light
    - Skyler will check on the due date for submission
- Intersociety Group – Mike
  - 3 year membership is coming due
    - Looking for funding from all organizations
  - Question from the group
    - Has attendance gone up due to membership?
      - Check in at the September Sigma Xi talk
      - Harjit believes only 2-3 extra attendees
  - Questions for IEEE/Sigma Xi
    - How do we engage with these groups?
      - Talks are added to their calendar
    - How big are the email lists of the other organizations?
      - Sigma Xi has ~200, for example
      - ASME used to have a list of ~150, but organizational issues have hamstrung this
    - Should costs of meetings be offset like they are with the IEEE meetings?
    - Can we claim their talks as part of our reporting to IEEE?
    - Mike will make further list of questions that we need answered
  - Jason – we need to make sure we are getting enough return on our investment before we approve membership for another 3 years
  - Money needed by end of September
- New Mexico Spaceport - Mike
  - Mike has been in contact about a potential Awards Banquet speaker
  - Harjit wants more details before approving selection
    - Speaker Name
    - Abstract
- Sigma Xi – Harjit
  - Public Talk schedule has been determined and sent out
  - Next Talk - September 16
• Speaker: George Schmidt, IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society
• IEEE will pay for travel
• Need <$250 for lodging and incidentals
  o Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously

o Women in Engineering – Nusrat
  ▪ Emailed HQ to get website
    • Log on information has been received
    • Website needs to be updated
  ▪ IEEE WIE Forum USA East – November 21-23
    • Nusrat currently making plans to attend
    • Plan now and get reimbursement
      o Look for additional sources of funding?

o Solar Splash – Roy
  ▪ 29th Annual Solar Splash will be held on June 9
  ▪ Trying a little different approach this year, communicating directly through the UNM Electrical and Mechanical Engineering departments, rather than IEEE and ASME
  ▪ Typically, there are 18 registrants that comes down to 12 participants in the actual event
  ▪ Looking to increase participation through advertising
  ▪ Jason – set up project to use weather in solar panel control programming
    • IEEE section support – seconded and approved

o UNM - Skyler
  ▪ Francisco has taken the reigns
  ▪ Skyler will contact him and encourage participation in the monthly meetings
  ▪ IEEE Xtreme judges are needed
    • Dave offers his assistance

• Collected $45 on the bill