Albuquerque Section IEEE Meeting

- Time and Date: 11:30AM, Tuesday January 28, 2020
- 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
  - Lee Rashkin – Secretary
  - Hy Tran – Member
  - Mike Jackovich – Member
  - Lee Gill – Member
  - Jane Lehr – Member
  - Skyler Nix – Member
  - Johnny Himbele – Member
  - Andy Fierro – Student Member

- Minutes were reviewed, amended and then accepted
  - Jason is looking for a faster turn around on the minutes to attach to meeting announcements
- Action Items were reviewed

- Discussion:
  - Treasurer Report – Gilberto
    - December ending balance was discussed
    - January current balance was discussed
  - Sigma Xi – Harjit
    - Annual Banquet
      - Some delays due to move to new building
      - Contract with Sheraton Hotel to be signed soon
        - New smaller room to seat ~60
        - Screen size should be big enough for room
      - Nomination period from March 1st to March 31st
        - R6 award nominations are due sometime in June, and we should look into aligning our categories with those
  - Elections - Harjit
    - Harjit has tried 3 times to send out eballot
      - There were issues with previous attempt and several people being unable to return it
      - Lee R. will make another attempt if provided with the word form
  - YP – Skyler
    - Not much change since last meeting
    - Still looking at organizing a social event
  - Rising Stars – Skyler
    - ~360 attendees to this year’s conference, small increase over the previous year
    - There was ~20% surplus on the budget, translates to ~$20k going to IEEE Region 6
- Skyler will be the Conference Chair for Rising Stars 2021
  - Rebidding for location
    - Requirements online
    - Near airport
    - 350+ attendee accommodations
  - Congressional Visit Day – Skyler
    - March 24-25 (interest needed by ~February 10)
    - Skyler will attend as the Region 6 Government Relations Chair
  - Objectives:
    - Balanced investment in science and technology
    - Partnerships between government, industry, and academia
    - Data privacy
  - Advocates for members on website
  - Jason will set up another meeting in a couple of weeks to discuss NM specific objectives in detail

- Life Members – Mike
  - Annual Banquet speaker from NM Spaceport
    - Mike will contact at the end of February about expenses and travel plans
  - Public Talks support
    - Got requirements in for expense reimbursement on the last day possible
    - Received check
    - Will work with Jackie Erickson to deposit before next Sigma Xi meeting

- STEM – Hy
  - NMPSE summery
    - Thanked IEEE for financial support
    - Discussed statewide plans for education spending
      - Mostly seems focused on teachers’ pay, benefits, and training
  - Lee G. and Hy met to discuss the Teacher Professional Development Symposium
    - Will be held in July this year
    - Request for proposals in March
      - Last presentation in 2018 is still remembered, so will likely be accepted if submitted again

- WERC – Jason
  - Some disagreements over the wording of the MOU, but they seem to have been worked out
    - Still needs to check if the section has any responsibilities as technical co-sponsor
Solar Splash – Jason
  ▪ Restarting weekly meetings
  ▪ Only 2 ECE students involved this year
  ▪ Some electrical engineering equipment may be needed
    • Jane offers use of lab equipment if convenient

Joint Chapter - Jason
  ▪ Previous talk:
    • Topic: Bottom-up Soft Magnetic Composites for Electric Vehicles
    • Speaker: Todd Monson
    • Date: January 22, 2020
    • Well attended

UNM – email
  ▪ Paper circuits for Valentine’s Day cards
  ▪ Helping Dr. Ramiro Jordan with UNM ECE makerspace: the WHY Lab
    • Series of tutorials for freshman and sophomore students on C++
    • Collaborating with WHY lab members to experiment with the Unreal Engine
    • Peer mentoring
  ▪ Would like to reach out to professional branch and young professionals to come to general meetings and talk about their careers and what it is like to be in industry and what students can do to succeed in industry
    • Skyler and Jane willing to attend, they just need to be told when the meetings are held
  ▪ Would like to hold mock interview activity
  ▪ HKN – Jane
    • Not much done recently
    • Student are the top students so they tend to be busy with academics and other responsibilities
    • Would like to set up a “Getting in to Grad School” tutorial

• Collected $50 on bill