

Albuquerque Section IEEE Meeting

- Time and Date: 11:30AM, Tuesday September 1, 2020
- Meeting Place: WebEx
- Members in Attendance (12):
 - Lee Rashkin – Vice Chair
 - Gilberto Zamora - Treasurer
 - Lee Gill – Secretary
 - Hy Tran – Educational Chair
 - Mike Jackovich – Life Member Representative
 - Robert Kaplar – Senior Member
 - James Gover – Member
 - Khaadakar Nusrat Islam – Student Member
 - Francisco Viramontes – Student Member
 - Jane Lehr – Senior Member
 - Judy Brewer – Member
- Chair – Jason N.
 - Open the meeting
 - Announcements
- Secretary – Lee G.
 - Minutes were reviewed, amended and then accepted
 - Outstanding action items were reviewed
- Discussion:
 - Treasurer Financial Status Report – Gilberto
 - August financial status discussed
 - September financial status was discussed
 - Public Lecture Series – Mike J.
 - In touch with Jackie Erickson and Ray B. and all public lectures are going to be virtual this year.
 - Not planning to have anything @ UNM in the short-term
 - Planning to have local speaks and engage them for the first series of lectures
 - Did not contact any life members this year as the speakers are limited to local regional areas.
 - Jackie has a confirmed schedule for speaker line-up.
 - First lecture series and to be delivered via Zoom.
 - Being online can open up speaker selection; across the country and different countries.
 - New Mexico’s Role on Global Warming – James Gover
 - Presented slides on the issue of climate change and how New Mexico and the national labs can help support and advocate the proposed plan/agenda.
 - Proposing two ideas
 - Next president can establish a “Manhattan” project for climate change
 - Los Alamos National Labs shall commit to carbon neutrality

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- Life Members – Mike J.
 - Annual banquet 2021
 - Moved banquet to May 17, 6pm @ ABQ Uptown Sheraton
 - Over 60 attendees
 - Jason N. will help set up meeting technology (projectors, etc)
 - The speaker from Space for America was put on an administrative leave
 - As of Aug 2nd – the state has not resolved the issue with the speaker
 - Thinking of contacting the space authority and ask their support from other executives for substitutes, such as CFO, etc.
- Sigma Xi – Mike J.
 - Sigma Xi update
 - 3rd Wed of each month
 - Will have more updates next month
- Educational Activities – Hy Tran
 - STEM activities
 - Hy Tran, Lee Gill, and Turtle Haste presented a session on the topic of “Balancing Creativity and Standards” at NM STEM Symposium
 - The conference was held virtual over Zoom.
 - The total participants were approximately 50 on the Zoom call.
 - Received very positive feedback from the participants.
- UNM Branch – Judy B.
 - New president this year
 - Now have an IEEE Instagram account
 - Provide as much as virtual support to students
 - Establish connections between students and professors
 - Hosting virtual game nights
 - Continue to recruit students for IEEE programing competition this year
 - Had the highest recruitment stats in the last 2020 school year