

IEEE Central Coast Agenda – 2 August 2023 – Masala Spice

1. We Still need to explore venues for future meetings and Events.
 - a. Rustys Pizza keeps increasing the price of the “Event Room”.
 - i. Now we rent “2 rooms” for \$230 plus buy Pizza, salad, beverage.
 - ii. **Wayne** - Please estimate the cost per person at Rusty’s for 16 and 20 attendees.
 - iii. Then compare to some sit down venues (selected menu).
2. We have "much too much" money in the till. (This is pending from February 2023)
 - a. Funds accumulated are from member dues and event reservation fees.
 - b. We need to figure out how to use this money to create an ambiance that makes members feel comfortable and receptive to the ideas and knowledge being presented.
 - c. Possible Solutions:
 - i. Item 1 – Restaurant sit-down Events
 - ii. We need to follow Buenaventura’s Lead and invest in STEM Events. Here we need to get out into the community, interact with Middle schools.
 - iii. We should look into BV’s techniques
3. We need to improve our benefits to our members by installing a **Professional Activities Committee for Engineers (PACE) CHAIR**
 - a. It believe that the following items can be relegated to the position of **PACE Chair**.
 - b. Ruth will contact **Jordan Ross**, a recent Cal Poly graduate who has attended our Events for the past 3 or 4 Months. I think that she will accept.
 - c. Support student and young professional Events.
 - i. Contact Student Branches about events designed for them.
 - ii. IEEE Rising Stars Conference January 2023
 - d. Communicate with IEEE Branches and Societies to see how we can work together.
 - e. The PACE Chair can enlist other members to join her Committee.
4. We need to incorporate more distinguished lecturers as speakers for our Events. These Lecturers represent IEEE Societies. (Behrooz represents the Computer Society) This is another activity that the Pace Chair can help with.
 - a. Possible Solutions:
 - i. We need to start with topics that we enjoy and Google the IEEE Visiting Lecturers poll Members, Student Members, Branches and Societies to determine majority interests.
 - ii. We need feedback from our members about activities of interest and value to their lives and careers.
5. Thanks to Meyyappan for communicating with IEEE and setting up the Central Coast WebEx Account. Dan volunteered to be our “WebEx Guy” and Meyyappan Okayed.
 - a. Dan is on vacation so can’t be present today to discuss.
6. Meyyappan will be representing the Central Coast at the IEEE Sections Congress in Ottawa Canada on August 11-13. Any expenses beyond the initial Sections Congress grant will be covered by Central Coast Section via an expense report.