IEEE Region 6 Central Coast Section Report of Event

Function: IEEE ExCom Central Coast Section (CCS) meeting
Date: 02/08/2024, 1730—1900 hours
Attendees: Ruth Franklin, Chairperson
                 Dan Bezzant, Industry Liaison
                 Jordan Cooper Ross, PACE Chairperson
                 Wayne Rothermich, Treasurer
                 A Meyyappan, Vice-chairperson
                 Francis C. Arnoult, Secretary

Location: Meeting was held as an in-person meeting at Marsala Spice Restaurant, 5976 Calle Real, Goleta, CA 93117, 1730—1930 hours.

Agenda topic headlines (agenda provided by Ruth Franklin):

- New IEEE credit cards have been received by Ruth Franklin and Wayne Rothermich.

- Issues with audio on the recorded version of January 2024 IEEE CCS presentation meeting.

- Speaker for IEEE CCS February 21 presentation meeting will be Rich Wolski, Prof. Computer Engineering at UCSB.

- Issues with recruiting additional speaker/presenters for future CCS meetings.

- IEEE CCS proposed scholarship program for university students.

- SKPL (Science Kits for Public Libraries): continue with exploring this?

- Webex broadcast and recordings of meetings … improve the quality.

Meeting Notes:

1. Wayne Rothermich and Ruth Franklin both received the new issue IEEE credit cards. Be sure to use the new cards for all purchases and payments.

2. Dan Bezzant addressed the audio stream quality issues on the January 2024 presentation.
   a. Dan stated that "whatever could go wrong at remote site like Rusty's Pizza, went wrong". Hence he was coping with lots of issues.
   b. Jordan Cooper volunteered to help with the video/audio/network setup on future meetings.
   c. Dan is operating with a mixture of personal equipment and some IEEE CCS equipment.
   d. It was suggested that Dan research and CCS purchase associated cameras, video/audio mixing units, and associated connector cables, etc. to help improve the technical quality of the Webex broadcast and recording.

3. Jordan Cooper discussed with Excom committee members the method of administering scholarship, the scholarship amounts, to whom to offer scholarships, etc. Will contact IEEE BuenaVentura section to inquire about their process.

4. Jordan Cooper also gave some additional details about her attendance at the 2024 Rising Stars Conference on January 5-7, 2024.

5. Wayne Rothermich brought up the $-cost of running the CCS section meetings and the cash flow.

   a. Primary costs are from the monthly presentation meetings usually held at Rusty's Pizza, Calle Real, Goleta.

      i. Costs for room rental, food and beverages is approximately $600--$800 per month.

      ii. Income from IEEE Piscataway per-capita membership in CCS area is ~$400/month.

      iii. The negative cash flow can be sustained because of a large reserve in the IEEE CCS bank account (~$40,000.00).

      iv. If needed to reduce the negative cash flow IEEE CCS could cut back on the free to attendees' food & beverage.

   b. Chris Arnoult stated that the goals of the IEEE CCS section for having the presentation meetings is to grow interest in the Section by local persons and members and to provide a public information service promoting IEEE.

      i. The free food (pizza & salad) and beverage is an incentive for attendance.

      ii. Assuming that IEEE Piscataway is in concurrence with CCS goals and objectives they would likely support our continued negative cash flow spending.

      iii. At the current rate IEEE CCS has ~9-10 years of deficit spending before needing to consider cost cutting actions.