

## Albuquerque Section IEEE Meeting

- Time and Date: 11:30AM, Tuesday February 25, 2020
- Meeting Place: Gianni's Mediterranean Restaurant & OPA,  
3109 Central Avenue Southeast, 87106
- Members in Attendance (9):
  - Jason Neely – Chair
  - Harjit Ahluwalia – Sigma Xi,  
Life Member Vice Chair
  - Ray Byrne – Vice Chair
  - Gilberto Zamora - Treasurer
  - Lee Rashkin – Secretary
  - Hy Tran – Member
  - Lee Gill – Member
  - Skyler Nix – Member
  - Rachid Darbali – Member
  - Khaadakar Nusrat Islam –  
Student Member
- Guests in Attendance (1):
  - Selena Connealy
- Lee –Secretary
  - Minutes were reviewed, amended and then accepted
  - Action Items were reviewed
- Discussion:
  - Treasurer Report –Gilberto
    - January ending balance was reviewed
      - Interest earned
      - Checks paid
        - Photonics Society annual reimbursement
        - Nusrat for WIE conference lodging and registration
    - February current balance was reviewed
      - Interest earned
      - Checks paid
    - Outstanding: check to Sigma Xi for Public Talks
    - Annual financial report:
      - Report sent to HQ last week
        - Within the deadline to qualify for the 10% bonus
        - HQ has entered it into Netsuite
        - Waiting on check
      - 2019 summary was reviewed
        - Starting balance
        - Closing balance
        - Difference
      - UNM student branch did not request funding this year, although we pressed them to do so
      - Overall doing well and are staying careful of our expenses
  - R6 Meeting – Skyler and Lee
    - Rising Stars currently looking for sponsors

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- Sections Congress
  - August 21-23 in Ottawa, Canada
  - Need to determine delegate and report them to Elizabeth Johnston
- Southwest Area Meeting
  - March 28 in Phoenix
  - Should determine who is going by email
- Annual Banquet – Harjit
  - Contract has been signed
  - Invitation for nominations needs to be sent out
    - Stick with last year's forms?
      - Look at the Region 6 titles to make at least 1 better aligned for quick submission
      - Typically Phoenix wins ~90% of regional awards due to active and large awards ceremony
- Women in Engineering – Nusrat
  - Computer Science Professor has emailed about collaboration between EE and CS groups
    - Still in progress, but has obtained other contacts
    - Needs help finding a speaker of interest to both groups
      - Jason and Rachid will help identifying potential speaker from Sandia National Laboratories
  - Jason will supply info on WERC
    - Moving slowly, but starts soon
  - Nusrat needs to meet with more of the student branch
    - Skyler has contacted current student branch chair, Francisco
  - Nusrat needs ideas on getting more women involved
    - Send email to faculty
      - Might be better if coming from other faculty or Christos
    - Advertising future plans for the group
      - WERC
      - Hosting conference
      - Talks
    - Talk to the senior design class about WiE as career development
- Sigma Xi – Harjit
  - First talk of semester on confluence of energy and water
    - More than 40 attendees
  - Trying to figure out the best way to record the talks
    - Attempt with camera had mixed results
    - Looking at solutions through Skype
  - Reporting
    - Get Mike Jackovich access to do the reporting through IEEE vTools

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- STEM – Hy
  - Introduction of Selena Connealy from EPSCORE to expand research in New Mexico
    - Smart Grid project - \$20M award
    - Research Symposium
      - Other societies have a presence
      - Looking for poster session judges
        - Need ~50 in total
      - Date: November 7 at Embassy Suites in Albuquerque
      - Proposal call in August
    - TryEngineering.org teacher scholarships
      - Selena has better access to the science teacher's list serve and can help Hy advertise the opportunity
- WERC - Jason
  - Conference is progressing on target for April event date
- Solar Splash – Jason
  - 2 equipment purchases
  - Some concern over panels used last year, due to the state of the soldering
- New Business:
  - Russ Harrison of IEEE government relations has expressed interest in coming to Albuquerque to give a talk
    - Discussed with Skyler and Lee at Region 6 meeting
    - October time frame given as option to coincide with Balloon Fiesta
    - Talk on election technology proposed
    - Skyler and Harjit will look into setting up talk at new PAIS building
- Collected \$45 on bill of \$234.01