

# The Engineers' Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, 9 September 2014

**Location:** Lamplighter Restaurant, Chatsworth, CA  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00 PM

### Attendees:

Marek Barylak, Ken Davis, Sharlene Katz, Jerry Kraim, Paul Landry, Rudy Montalvo, Chuck Olsefsky, Bob Tarn,

- **Call to Order** – 6:15 PM by Ken Davis (immediate past president)
- **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Minutes of the previous meeting were not available and were tabled.
  - **Action Item: Identify all missing minutes from the library and fill in the blanks with the minimum necessary information (meeting date/time/location, attendees, motions made and voting results)**
- **Treasurer's Report** – Fiscal Report for August was submitted by C. Volk in absentia.
  - August end of month account balance=\$52,263.84
  - Gross Income=\$69,806.54
  - Banquet Cost=\$58,988.75
  - Conference Cost=\$0
  - Charitable Giving=\$8,021.00
  - Operating Cost=\$3,704.79
  - We are negative **\$907.97** against plan
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Nominating Committee** – Nothing to report
  - **Honors & Awards** – No activity until after the call for nominations and we begin to receive nominations
  - **Florida Banquet** – Bob Tarn held a telecom with the Florida BDB and some of the P&W engineers who have been a driving force behind the FL banquet. . .
    - BDB will include cost of awards (based on last year's total) as expenses for the 2015 FL banquet which must be covered by their revenue
    - BDB does not/cannot make charitable donations, such as STEM scholarships
    - The engineers in FL are committed to forming a "Florida Chapter" of the Engineers' Council (in the form of a separate 501(c)(3), with a 2016 target date (Bob and Ken committed to provide assistance in their pursuit of this goal).
    - The future FL Chapter also set a goal of sourcing comparable assembly materials locally and performing the FL Awards assembly themselves (to the same standards as the CA Banquet Awards), starting with the 2016 banquet.
    - Based on the commitment to cover awards costs, we accepted the plan to proceed with both events as options on the nomination forms for 2015
    - **Action Item: Waiting for FL BDB to lock in the banquet date, so we can update nomination forms and send out the call for nominations.**

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- **California Banquet** –
  - Expecting significantly lower attendance due to reduced participation by our major sponsors and either no or minimal participation from Rocketdyne.
  - Need to bring in more outsiders
  - Event should be shorter, just from reduced participation and fewer awards
  - Goal: Start on time, cut off long-winded speakers, review/approve videos before hand
  - Start with a major award to get the evening going, while the back of the room is still being cleared.
  - Sean Tucker did NOT like being saved until the end. He understood our reason, but still wants the Yeager Award up front
- **Charitable Giving** –
  - We have received letters of appreciation from CSUN recipients
  - If was pointed out that by providing the award through the university, the funds are deducted from the students financial aid package and results in NO net increase to the student. We should consider making the award directly to the students. Possibly use a similar process as we do with the high school submissions or, let CSUN convene a selection committee who will then inform us of the winners?
- **Conference** – So far, we have no speakers committed. A possible culprit is the lack of a single theme for the conference. Marek will explore possible themes.
  - **A motion was made to postpone the conference and put it back to coincide with E-Week: Motioned by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, passed Unanimously**
  - Goal: Have 8 speakers committed by the end of December
  - Paul will ask the Sheraton about the possibility of an inexpensive 50 person venue
- **Correspondence** – 2 thank you letters from CSUN
- **Good & Welfare** – Sonja's baby was born on 24 August 2014. "Maxwell Anastasios Stiny." 8lbs-2oz, 21". Mother and baby are doing well. Eli participated.
- **Website** – Bob is testing the use of a dedicated IP address, which should prevent us from getting grouped in with spammers and blocked by corporate firewalls. He uses this successfully with his rental business and will use his server to test the call for nominations with Lockheed and NGC.
  - **Action Item: Bob will double check with Blue Host that our site is being backed up regularly**
- **Old Business** – Charlie is making very good progress with the 501(c)(3) application. He convened a working group the previous week with Bob and Ken to go through the application. All the holes should be filled in within the next 60 days.
- Rudy has had limited success engaging the Chaminade Robotics Club students in the logo project, mostly due to their incredibly busy schedules. Since this was intended more as a way to engage the students and less about a new logo, we could simply scrap the

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project. However, Rudy has investigated a website which would allow us to post our project and have professional graphic artists submit designs

- **New Business** – No new business
  
- **Next Meeting: 14 October 2014.**
  - **Note: Jerry will be on travel in China**
- **Adjourned (7:43 PM)**