

The Engineers' Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 15 September 2015

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

Attendees:

Sonja Domazet, Eli Stiny, Stephen Guine, Marek Barylak, Paul Gill, Rudy Montalvo, Jackie Zey, Sharlene Katz, Jerry Kraim, Julia Barylak (guest), and baby Maxwell Stiny 😊

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Sonja Domazet at 6:08 P.M.
- **New in Attendance** – Julia Barylak, Marek's daughter
- **Minutes from August 11th Meeting** – **Motion** to accept August minutes with corrections made by Stephen Guine and seconded by Paul Gill. **Motion passes.**
- **Treasurer's Report** – The EC's 501(c)(3) application was approved by the IRS!!! Stephen Guine was the first person to make a donation to The Engineers' Council as a 501(c)(3) charity. Stephen donated \$1 cash. Fiscal year 2015 has ended, with The Council \$959 in the black. Charlie Volk is no longer the Treasurer, but he will still continue to help with the final audit and transitioning his duties to Marek. **Motion to accept** the September 2015 Treasurer's Report made by Stephen Guine and seconded by Sharlene Katz. **Motion Passes.** Charlie created invoices for the Florida (\$1,103) and Aerojet Rocketdyne (Washington State and Sacramento – \$695) awards.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Nominating Committee** –
 - **Honors & Awards**
 - Award invoices have been created for Florida and Aerojet Rocketdyne. Wording for the new "Future Technology Leader" award was discussed, as well as the creation of the award. **Motion** to create a new "Future Technology Leader" award, with wording to be finalized prior to the Call for Nominations, made by Stephen Guine and seconded by Paul Gill. **Motion passes.** Sonja will email suggested wording to The EC for feedback. We will not ship any awards to Sacramento next year – we will only be making awards for the Sheraton and Florida.
 - **Florida Banquet**
 - Paul Gill will be having a meeting in Florida next week. **Information to find out:** how much ownership are they taking for next year? Do they want us to build

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the awards for them again? Discussed the fact that there is only one Engineer of the Year award that will be presented in California and not in Florida. We need to submit a bill to FL for the cost of the 2015 awards.

- **California Banquet**
 - Discussed pricing for next year and did not come to a conclusion. Considered prices of \$125 and \$135 per seat, or incentive pricing of \$1,250/table or \$135-\$150/seat.
- **Charitable Giving**
 - One girl who attended TechTrek last year will be speaking this Saturday, September 19, at 11:30 AM at the Lamplighter Restaurant. Please RSVP to Jackie Zev. Marc Zev will be having leg surgery during the Nottingham Festival, so he is asking for funding to be delayed until after he submits a plan for spending of funds. The EC will wait to make a decision until after Marc makes his presentation.
- **Conference**
 - Call for abstracts expected in September. The venue will be CSUN. Plan to hold the conference in February, 2016. Expenses are forecasted at \$2,500 this year. Would like to have CSUN, Medtronic, IEEE, and others co-sponsor the event to save money. **Sharlene Katz will look into getting a cheaper room** (currently \$900). The themes for the conference will be “Medical Devices and Cyber Security.”
- **Correspondence** – No correspondence
- **Good & Welfare** – Chuck Olsefsky is doing well and has a busy social life...too busy in fact for this month's EC meeting. Jerry Kraim is having elective corrective surgery this Thursday. We wish him a successful surgery and speedy recovery!
- **Website** – Stephen is going to update the front page of the website with the Call for Nominations.
- **Old Business** – N/A.
- **New Business** – Sonja opened a “MailChimp” account for free. The first newsletter will come out this month! **Sonja needs to get the e-mail distribution list from Bob Tarn.** This will be nice for professional-looking e-mails. **Motion made** to stop paying for the misspelled

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EngineersCouncil.org domain name of \$12/year and seconded by Sharlene Kate. **Motion passes.** MATHCOUNTS will be held at CSUN on February 20, 2016, but the main room is not available – We will have to host it in two separate rooms this coming year. The CSUN MATHCOUNTS contact person is Carolina Asagi.

- **Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.**
- **Next Meeting: 13 October 2015.**

Action Item Summary

- **(New)** Provide e-mail distribution list to Sonja Domazet **(B. Tarn)**
- **(New)** Look into getting a cheaper conference room at CSUN **(S. Katz)**
- **(New)** Obtain pertinent information from Florida **(P. Gill)**
- **(New)** Provide feedback for wording of “Future Technology Leader” Award **(Council)**
- **(New)** Submit a bill to Florida for the cost of the 2015 awards **(M. Barylak)**
- Follow-up with Russ Joyner and Jim Maus from Aerojet Rocketdyne **(P. Gill)**
- Have a telecom with Florida to discuss degree of independence going forward **(Council)**
- Work with the director-at-large for their appointment letters if submitted ones have reached expiration **(S. Domazet)**