

The Engineers' Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Valley Inn, Sherman Oaks, California
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The meeting was attended by Jerry Kraim, Ray Straub, Paul Landry, Chuck Olsefsky, Bob Tarn, Charlie Volk, Bill Johnson (T/C), and Ken Davis.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Charlie Volk at 6:15 PM.

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Minutes of the March 18, 2008, meeting were amended and approved. Amendments were as follows:

- Budget adjustments and amount/number of scholarships for the high school scholarship program.
- Added number of paid admissions to the 2008 banquet.
- Details regarding Mike Garland's recent hospitalization.

Treasurer's Report

Charlie distributed the 2007/2008 budget status, which was accepted for audit. Charlie reported that about \$1,000 (+/- \$200) remains unapplied, and that the council's 2007 tax returns are complete.

Correspondence - none

Committees

Audit – no report

Charitable Giving

- Ray will support the upcoming LA County Science Fair competition (April 16-18), and will select winners of the Engineers' Council scholarships.
- Eight local high schools received solicitation letters for scholarship applications. Ray has received one application to date. Ray distributed the schedule of senior award presentations, at which the committee will need volunteers to present scholarships. Ken Davis volunteered to support Chatsworth, Tarn/Straub volunteered for Chaminade, and Ray reported that Guine volunteered for Palmdale High. More volunteers are needed.
- The board resolved to add \$500 to the current CSUN scholarship grant (bringing the total grant to \$1,500).
- Ray reminded us there will be a CGC meeting on April 29, at the Lamplighter Family Restaurant (DeSoto and Nordhoff).
- Bill Johnson led a discussion on the merits of the SME Century Club. The board resolved to consider budgeting financial support to this organization in the 2008/2009 budget.
- Any other CG budget proposals are needed by the June BOD meeting.

Banquet

Bob passed around the March 17 issue of the San Fernando Valley Business Journal, which reported on the 2008 Banquet (p.10), including photographs of our Engineer of the Year and Banquet Committee.

Conference

- Paul reported that Bob Budica will help again next year.
- Paul led a discussion on how to structure the conference and attendance fees to leverage banquet attendance.

Good and Welfare

Chuck Olsefsky reported that Marcella and Mike were very pleased with the fruit basket they received from the council, and that Mike is doing well after surgery. Chuck will distribute Mike's contact information so that his friends on the board can call him.

Other Business

Ray led a discussion regarding update of the council logo. The board resolved to retain the existing *council* logo, but to develop a plan to create an annual *engineers week* logo. A competition among high school and/or college students to design the annual logo was discussed.

Election of Officers

Nominations were made for the council 2008/2009 officers. As there were one candidate for each office, the board resolved that the Secretary would cast one ballot, which was done and the officers were thereby elected. The board declared the 2008/2009 officers as follows.

- President: Dr. Charles Volk
- Vice President: Kenneth Davis
- Secretary: Robert Tarn
- Treasurer: Dr. Charles Volk

The meeting was adjourned by President Charlie Volk at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert B. Tarn, Trustee & Secretary

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Standing Committees

Executive Committee	Chair	Patrick Berbon
	Past Chair	Paul Landry
	Vice Pres.	Chas. Volk
	Treasurer	Chas. Volk
	Secretary	Bob Tarn
Honors & Awards Committee -	Chair	S. K. Ramesh
	Committee	Chuck Olsefsky, R. Ratcliffe
Audit Committee -	Chair	C. Olsefsky
	Committee	B. Tarn
Budget Committee -		Treasurer, Executive Committee

Ad-hoc committees:

Symposium Committee -	Chair	Ramin Roosta
	Committee	IEEE Chair <we need the name>, S. K. Ramesh
Charitable Giving Committee -	Chair	Ray Straub
	Committee	Bob Tarn, Chas Volk, Larry Dalton, Mike Garland, Jerry Kraim, Walt Korp, Ken Futernick
Communications Committee -	Chair	Ken Davis
	Committee	Ken Futernick
By-Law Committee -	Chair	Vice President
	Committee	Trustees
Banquet Committee -	Chair	P. Landry
	Committee	TBD
Good & Welfare Committee -	Chair	C. Olsefsky
	Committee	M. Garland, W. Korp
Webmaster	Chair	Bob Tarn
	Vice Chair	Bill Johnson