

Minutes of the Meeting of the
San Fernando Valley Engineer's Council
Board of Directors

The Valley Inn
Sherman Oaks

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008

The meeting was attended by Paul Landry, Patrick Berbon, Ken Davis, Chas Volk, Jerry Kraim, Bill Johnson, Ray Straub, SK Ramesh, Stephen Guine.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Patrick Berbon at 6:00 pm.

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting – P. Berbon

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted by “acting secretary” Patrick Berbon.

Treasurers Report – C. Volk

- No spending;
- \$929 for Mathcount T-shirts;
- TIN number corrected => IRS questions answered. Done;

Standing Committees

Charitable Giving

- Mathcount on 2/16;

Audit – No Report

Communications – K. Davis

- Promoting the event increases the value of the awards;
- SME and ASM publications contacted for publication;
- Navy times and AF times contacted;
- Internal publications of the bib-3 companies contacted;

Good & Welfare

- Bob Tarn doing much better, home for now, ready to return to work

Symposium

- Not moving along... We need to decide!
- Conditional motion from P. Landry: “Cancel 2008 symposium unless Ramin in a few days justifies that we hold it.” C. Volk seconds. Comments from B. Johnson asking what went wrong, P. Landry thinking the committee did not have enough time, K. Davis mentioning that the education side is part of the council's charter. Vote: 7 in favor, 1 abstaining;

Honors & Awards

- Great job done by the committee, 2 full days of work, 70 nominations;
- Committee did an e-meeting for the last 5 cases;
- At this point, we have:

- 13 Distinguished awards;
- 25 Teams awards;
- 25 Individual Merit awards;
- Discussion on the maximum team size;
- SK Ramesh motion: “Accept recommendation for Distinguished Merit, Team, and Outstanding Merit awards.” C. Volk seconds. Comments on team size being essentially a banquet logistics issue (see below). Vote 8-0 in favor;
- Motion SK Ramesh: “Consider Earl Walker and Sharlene Katz for William B. Johnson award.” P. Landry seconds. Comment P. Berbon on “blood and tear” in funding a company regarding Earl Walker’s accomplishments. R. Straub connects Earl with SME, the parent organization to W. Johnson. P. Landry wonders about a Southern California connection. C. Volk comments on our name change aiming at diminishing our San Fernando Valley connection. K. Davis pointing out no SC connection for Earl, and Sharlene’s global reach and has made a profound contribution locally. Vote: S. Katz 5 – E. Walker 2 – abstain 1;
- SK Ramesh motion to “Bump B. Bavarian up to John Guerrero Engineering Educator of the Year.” P. Landry seconds. Vote 8-0 in favor;
- Motion SK Ramesh: “Jeff Kincaid be nominated as Engineer of the Year”. Paul seconds. Vote 8-0 in favor;

Banquet

- Must send invitations on Thursday;
- No candidates for the Jack Northrop award at this time;
- Team size:
 - Under 20 => certificate for everyone;
 - Above 20 => certificate for banquet attendees only;
- Only team leader name in the program if team has more than 20 names;
- Deadline for the attendees to RSVP is 2/15;
- Distinguished and nominators are invited to the VIP room;

New Business - None

Meeting was adjourned by the P. Berbon at 8:00 pm.