

The Engineers' Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
The Valley Inn, Sherman Oaks, California
Wednesday, April 28, 2009

Attendance

The meeting was attended by board members Bob Tarn, Charlie Volk, Ray Straub, Chuck Olsefsky, Sonja Domazet, Ken Davis, Marek Barylak, Tes Akpovi, Paul Landry, Victor Moreno, Stephen Guine, and Narisa Chu.

Regrets were received from Bill Johnson, whose son Neal was in the hospital.

No RSVP was received from Patrick Berbon, Bob Budica, Larry Dalton, Jerry Kraim, S. K. Ramesh, Rick Ratcliffe, Ramin Roosta, Ray Straub, Sonja Domazet, Tes Akpovi, Narisa Chu. Please RSVP; it will help with meeting ~~plotting~~ planning.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Volk at 6:03 PM.

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Minutes of the March 18, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted.

Elections

- Review of nominations made at the March 18 board meeting (it was noted that Charlie Volk has one more year in his present term as Treasurer).
 - President: Bob Tarn nominated Charlie Volk.
Charlie Volk nominated Ken Davis.
 - Vice President: Ray Straub nominated Marek Barylak.
Ken Davis nominated Sonja Domazet.
 - Secretary: Ken Davis nominated Bob Tarn.
Marek Barylak nominated Victor Moreno.
- Additional nominations
 - It was noted that Victor Moreno was not present at the meeting to accept Marek's nomination, and without objection that nomination was removed from the record.
 - The Secretary introduced correspondence received from Ken Davis on April 22, declining the nomination for President.
 - Nominations were re-opened for President. Ray Straub nominated Stephen Guine for President; Stephen accepted. Nominations for President were closed.
 - Nominations were re-opened for Vice President. Paul Landry nominated Ken Davis for Vice President; Ken accepted. Chuck Olsefsky nominated Narisa Chu for Vice President; Narisa accepted. Marek Barylak nominated Paul Landry for Vice President; Paul declined. Nominations were closed for Vice President.
 - Nominations were re-opened for Secretary. Ray Straub nominated Victor Moreno for Secretary; Victor accepted. Nominations were closed for Secretary.
- Personal statements
 - Bob Tarn noted that the 2008-2009 officers were up for re-election, and recommended giving them one more term.

- Paul Landry concurred that giving Charlie and the rest of his Executive Committee another term would be best for the council.
- Ballots were completed by board members present, and collected for counting by Tes Akpovi and Paul Landy. After counting the ballots received, Tes and Paul announced the following election results.
 - President: Charlie Volk
 - Vice President: Ken Davis
 - Secretary: Bob Tarn

Treasurer's Report

- Charlie presented banquet and conference financial analysis. We had a “razor thin” banquet profit (including honors and awards expenses). Our annual cash flow, including all other expenses for the year, is now projected to be negative \$4K, which is a significant improvement over the initial negative \$9K. Cost per paid attendee was \$78. The conference cost only \$394, which is a record success for the council.
- Charlie presented the April 2009 Treasurer Report, which reflected a \$3000 deposit to the Sheraton Universal for the 2010 banquet (Feb. 20).
- Bob Tarn presented the invoice from our webmaster assistant for ~\$490.
- The names and addresses for LA County Science Fair and Antelope Valley High School scholarship awardees were presented for payment.

Banquet Survey

Ken Davis reported no new responses to the banquet survey, and will make another attempt to get through the corporate firewalls by forwarding the survey to board members for them to distribute internally.

Honors & Awards

Call for nominations should be ready to go out in September, with updated nomination forms. We need nomination submittal to avoid email overload. The forms should be uploadable using an online nomination form (Webmaster action).

Conference

- Sonja has agreed to chair the conference again next year.
- Narisa Chu recommended a software development topic, similar to an IEEE seminar that her section is partnering on with JPL (Saturday, June 13). Narisa distributed a large poster regarding this seminar.

Correspondence

- Note from Bill Johnson that his son, Neal, is in the hospital.
- Thank you from CSUN for Foundation grant of \$1,500.
- Thank you's from Charlie Volk to Col. Scott and Chuck Yeager.
- Charlie Volk took the action to write a letter thanking him for PWR support to the Honors & Awards Banquet (Graphics & Publications). Bob Tarn took the action to provide a contact.

Committees

Charitable Giving – Ray Straub

- LA County Science Fair participation was down 20% this year in the Senior category.
- Need input from Larry Dalton on Science Bowl.

- High School Scholarship selection committee meeting will be planned for next Tuesday (Lamplighter), which will also include discussion of proposed budget for next year.
- El Camino Real won the National Robotics competition.

Communications – Ken Davis

- Ken reiterated his plans to continue the banquet survey.
- Bob Tarn showed three examples of good media publicity.
 - Article posted on the INCOSE section web site by Stephen Guine, “Collaboration with the San Fernando Engineers’ Council”.
 - AIAA newsletter article by Bob Tarn highlighting AIAA members who were recognized at the banquet.
 - Internal PWR website newsletter article highlighting PWR employees who were recognized at the banquet.

Good and Welfare – Chuck Olsefsky

Bob Tarn took the action to forward Bill’s note about Neal Johnson.

Webmaster – No report

Old Business – No report

New Business – No report

Next Meeting – May 12

The meeting was adjourned by President Charles Volk at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted on 5/11/2009 by:
Robert B. Tarn, Trustee & Secretary

A certified copy of these minutes, with attachments, is located in the Book of Minutes and kept in possession of the Secretary. A copy will be provided on request and payment of a reasonable administrative fee (alternatively, you can buy his dinner at the next Board of Directors meeting).

Standing Committees

Executive Committee	President	Charles Volk
	Vice Pres.	Kenneth Davis
	Treasurer	Charles Volk
	Secretary	Robert Tarn
	Trustee	Paul Landry
Honors & Awards Committee	Chair	S. K. Ramesh
	Committee	Chuck Olsefsky, R. Ratcliffe, R. Tarn, T. Akpovi
Audit Committee	Chair	C. Olsefsky
	Committee	B. Tarn
Budget Committee		Treasurer, Executive Committee

Ad-hoc committees:

Banquet Committee	Chair	Paul Landry
	Committee	B. Tarn, K. Davis, L. Dalton, R. Roosta, S. Ramesh, R. Straub, S. Domazet, S. Guine, T. Akpovi, V. Moreno
Conference Committee	Chair	Sonja Domazet
	Committee	S. K. Ramesh
Charitable Giving Committee	Chair	Ray Straub
	Committee	Bob Tarn, Chas Volk, Larry Dalton, Jerry Kraim, Ken Futernick
Communications Committee	Chair	Ken Davis
By-Law Committee	Chair	Vice-President
	Committee	Trustees
Good & Welfare Committee	Chair	C. Olsefsky
	Committee	M. Garland, W. Korp
Webmaster	Chair	Bob Tarn
	Vice Chair	Bill Johnson