

The Engineers' Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
The Valley Inn, Sherman Oaks, California  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009

The meeting was attended by board members Bob Tarn, Charlie Volk, Ray Straub, Bill Johnson, Chuck Olsefsky, Sonja Domazet, Ken Davis, S. K. Ramesh, Narisa Chu, Jerry Kraim, Tes Akpovi, Paul Landry, Marek Barylak, and Larry Dalton.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Volk at 6:09 PM.

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

Minutes of the January 15, 2009, meeting were approved as corrected. Correction was to accurately reflect the new name of Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Charlie Volk reported that NGNSD has paid for their tables, and that \$45K is due 3 days before the banquet. If enough of the larger organizations are able to pay for their admissions early, it will greatly assist the cash flow situation. Charlie distributed an interim Treasurer's Report for February 2009, which was accepted for audit.

**Correspondence**

- Solicitation of financial support was received from Dean Gilbert, LA County Science Fair Committee.
- Letter from IEEE/SFV Section Chair Narisa Chu, appointing Mr. Charles Olsefsky as one of the IEEE representatives to the SFVEC Board of Directors.
- Award notification/invitation letter to Professor Richard S. Lindzen.

**Governance**

- At the January 15 BOD meeting a motion was made and recorded to amend the Bylaws of the San Fernando Valley Engineers' Council, increasing the maximum size of the Board of Directors to 25 voting members. Charlie noted that due notice was thereby made, and called for discussion and vote on the Bylaws change. Following brief discussion, the motion carried.
- Charles Olsefsky was unanimously elected to a new 3-year term as Director-at-Large, representing IEEE/SFV.

**Committees**

Charitable Giving – Ray Straub

- Larry Dalton requested support for the LADWP Science Bowl. Larry is the DWP Chair of the annual event, which involves 42 teams of students, and gives winner scholarships and awards. Larry is requesting \$1000 in contribution from the council.
- Jerry Kraim requested support for the CSPE Mathcounts. Jerry is the CSPE Chair for the San Fernando Valley competition. Competitors receive t-shirts (with EC logo), and teachers receive small stipends. Jerry is requesting \$800 in contributions from the council. In addition to that, IEEE gives \$250 toward purchase of the t-shirts.

- Ralph Mills discussion continued until April.
- LA County Science Fair is budgeted for \$1,250.

#### Good and Welfare – Chuck Olsefsky

Larry Dalton is doing well, following surgery (as evidenced by his presence with the board this evening). The board wishes Larry well in his upcoming surgeries.

#### Honors and Awards – S. K. Ramesh

- Merit Award certificates were printed by PWR and delivered to Bill Johnson for awards assembly. Other certificates are in work by Photo Center (a new vendor this year).
- Bill Johnson distributed an Awards Assembly Calendar, and reported that Merit Awards would be assembled this Friday (2/13) at CSUN, and the remainder would be assembled on Saturday (2/21) at CSUN.

#### Banquet – Paul Landry

- Menu choices are Crusted Sea Bass or Succulent Prime Rib.
- Time allotment to the Keynote Address is 30 minutes. Bob Tarn will relay this info to Col. Scott.
- After the banquet Ken Davis will solicit feedback from all participants, using email addresses provided by the organizations for award notifications/invitations.
- Board of Directors and volunteers will be able to attend the banquet at not cost if they have contributed significantly to the organization and execution of the awards or the event. All other guests (including board member guests) may attend at the “break even” price of \$60/seat.

#### Conference – Sonja Domazet

- Sonja Domazet distributed the conference agenda.
- Invoice for CSUN room and equipment is \$314.50.
- There are 6 paid attendees so far.
- The catering order is due on Monday before the conference, with payment due the day of the conference.
- Conference volunteers will be allowed to attend the conference for free.
- Gifts for speakers will cost \$165.

The meeting was adjourned by President Charles Volk at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted on 3/17/2009 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