

Engineer's Council Board meeting

April 14, 2026

In person: Stephen Guine (President), Jackie Zev (Secretary), Marek Barylak (Treasurer), Chyrl Yeats, Connor Davainis,

Online: Noelle Saccoccio (Vice President), Ken Davis, Sonja Domazet, Rudy Montalvo, Tom Tarn, Connor Reyes, Pierce Trinephi, Paige Dailey

Meeting started 7:15 pm

Action items from past Board meetings

Action items from the April 2024 Board meeting

Sonja to follow up with Florida WRT charitable giving

Action items from the April 2025 Board meeting

Stephen to start a scholarship awardee CRM database

Action items from the May 2025 Board meeting

~~Ken to send Stephen the history of the STEM educator award~~

Sonja to tell Chris that he should submit a letter from a society of which he is a member

Action items from the August 2025 Board meeting

Noelle to propose a bylaws change to say that we should analyze our finances every year

Stephen to make it possible for people to pay for and upload an ad using a website

Action items from the October meeting

Marek to connect Paypal to the Bank account –

Marek to transfer funds from Paypal to Bank account

Noelle to create Bylaws wording authorizing Student representatives

~~Marek to generate a prediction on banquet cost given a number of variables~~

Action items from the November meeting

Stephen to draft a letter explaining that in addition to the check, EC scholarships represent an opportunity – first draft done

Stephen to add ability to sign up for ads to the webpage

Stephen to add tiers of sponsorships to the webpage

Action items from the February meeting

Noelle to propose a bylaws change vis-à-vis student members that graduate

Action items from the March 2026 Board meeting

Action: Marek to correct treasurer's report as discussed

Action: Anyone who needs to be reimbursed to submit receipts (Jackie, Sonja)

~~Action: Marek and Sonja to meet with regard to invoicing~~

~~— Action: Connor Reyes to write up his suggestions on setup and tear down~~

~~Action: Rudy to send another reminder to counselors~~

Action: Sonja to send Stephen the Mailchimp login

Action: Stephen to send out the Vision and Plan

~~Action: Marek to renew PO Box through September 2027~~

~~Action: Jackie to send Marek Zelle information for AAUW-SFV~~

Minutes – accepted as corrected

Treasurer's report –

Action: Marek to split Programs x 400/360 into the two payments

Action: Marek to send the Tech Trek donation

Action: Marek to add line item for Tech Trek to the 2nd section on the right on page 2

Action: Marek to add line item for the CSUN scholarship to the 2nd section on the right on page 2

Action: Marek to invoice ASQ for \$1000

Student Reps –

Paul has some other responsibilities and won't be able to continue with the council

Connors met with students

Went over banquet reflections with students

The students very much enjoyed and valued the banquet

Developing some ideas to bring in more revenue and engagement

Plan to present next meeting

Working with students on their contacts

Charitable Giving

Scholarships

Jackie and Rudy have reviewed applications, Michael and Connor R. still to do that.

Stephen to print the certificates

Chyrl to present at Granada Hills and Taft.

Need volunteers to present at other schools

Discussion on including a letter about continuing to participate in the EC in college with check

Mathcounts

Discussion on how budget is increasing – partly due to increased participation

Companies that sponsor tend to sponsor at National level, not local level

Action: Marek to send Eli contact info for SFV IEEE chair

Some of the volunteers this year were past Mathcounts participants

Tech Trek

Banquet

Sent feedback to Sheraton contact

Next year, the banquet will be Saturday February 27

Delaying on finalizing date with Sheraton, because when we do, we will have to make a deposit

Discussion on making individual seats more than 1/10 the cost of a table.

Discussion on giving a discount to companies that pay before the banquet

Discussion on per/meal cost

There were only 12 EC board members who were not covered by a company

Meal Cost = \$103/person

Cost including AV, programs, and photographers = \$145/person
USC awardees Amin Ghadami, Burcin Becerik

Action: Sonja to send a letter to USC explaining their financial responsibilities

Someone wants a copy of their award (team award)

Action: Sonja to tell the person who wants a copy of the team award that the cost is \$200

Action: Stephen to reserve room for next year's afterparty

Correspondence –

CSUN invitation to reception on May 5, 3-5pm

Stephen, Sonja, Chryl, and Jackie expressed interest in attending

Digital (Website, Facebook, email, etc.)

Have resolved the malware issue with the website

Cause was a cyber security weakness in one of the plugins

Plan is to leave BlueHost and move to HubSpot, but researching other options

Discussion on whether we are whitelisted by our sponsors – Stephen believes we are

Payment issues have been resolved

Good and Welfare

Stephen looked at a new house in Sacramento

Old Business:

Decided to take Old Business off the agenda

New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Next Board meeting: May 12, 2026