

Engineer's Council Board meeting

Jan. 13, 2026

In person: **Jackie Zev (Secretary), Marek Barylak (Treasurer), Sonja Domazet, Chyrl Yeats, Connor Davainis**

Online: **Stephen Guine (President), Noelle Saccoccio (Vice President), Rudy Montalvo, Tom Tarn, Rob Vermeland, Connor Reyes, Michael Yao, Justin Diaz, Melody Wachtel, Eli Stiny**

Meeting started 7:14 pm

Action items from previous Board meetings

Action items from the April 2024 Board meeting

Sonja to follow up with Florida WRT charitable giving

Action items from the February 2025 Board meeting

~~Stephen to write a letter to charities listed on letterhead requesting charitable giving support~~

Action: Stephen to recontact charities after banquet

Action items from the April 2025 Board meeting

Stephen to start a scholarship awardee CRM database – deferred to April 2026

Action items from the May 2025 Board meeting

~~Stephen to use scholarships to pitch companies to support the STEM educator award~~

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

~~Ken to send Stephen contact information for another Thank you – OBE~~

Noelle to propose a bylaws change to say that we should analyze our finances every year – deferred to after banquet

~~Stephen to collaborate with Sonja about sending a call to major corporations~~

~~for early purchase of table, ads, and donations (to use this year's budget) – OBE~~

~~Stephen to contact Boeing – OBE based on conversation with Noelle~~

Stephen to make it possible for people to pay for and upload an ad using a website – deferred to 2026

Action items from the September meeting

Michael to contact vendors about buying ads in the program book

Action items from the October meeting

Marek to connect Paypal to the Bank account – access provided 1/13/2026

Marek to transfer funds from Paypal to Bank account

Noelle to create Bylaws wording authorizing Student representatives – deferred to after banquet

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

Action items from the November meeting

Michael to send the Blevins the award with his name misspelled – will happen Friday

Sonja to deliver the two NG awards

~~Stephen to ping photographer~~ – Andrew is good to go; haven't discussed price; assuming same price; will talk to him Friday

Stephen to draft a letter explaining that in addition to the check, EC scholarships represent an opportunity – deferred to April 2026

Stephen to add ability to sign up for ads to the webpage – deferred to April 2026

Stephen to add tiers of sponsorships to the webpage – deferred to April 2026

Action items from the December meeting

~~Connor to send quad charts~~

~~Connor to send resumes of the students for us to review~~

~~Jackie to forward the call for nominations to Jonathan to send to Corrine/Sequoia Research~~

Sonia to give Florida info on where to buy the seals themselves

~~Jackie to resend the email about the email forwards~~

Stephen to redo the calendar notice

~~Marek to change Page 3 on TR to show 12 months rather than 6 months~~

Michael and Sonja to split the list of companies without Council reps and contact them

Minutes – accepted as corrected

Treasurer's report – accepted as presented

Student Reps –

Connor requested feedback on the ideal program for the students

We gave them the authority to design the program themselves

Connor said they were going to start with resume analysis; want to help them get internships and jobs

Connor R. asked when they can get feedback on the resumes he provided

Sonja said she would provide her feedback by Friday

Connor R clarified that the students are able to come to the banquet

Connor R asked if the students would do presentations – Sonja said not this banquet

Connor R. added they were also going to work on how the students present themselves

The students are invited to attend the banquet meetings

Action: Connor to send student emails to Jackie

Action: Jackie to create a Student Rep group and send meeting notices to both Student Rep and Tec

Discussion on the calendar notice.

Banquet

Last week we met and voted on all nominations received to date.

Sonja followed up on the nominations we flagged – the ones we flagged have mostly been resolved

Action: Sonja to contact the High School about their nomination

Rob checked on one of the nominations – has not heard back yet

Plan is to send award notices next Tues or Wed

Everyone has been asked to check names and email addresses

Sonja has not received any corrections yet

Spreadsheet is ready to have citations reviewed

Action: Jackie to review and rewrite citations

We have 75 individual nominations and 16 project nominations

Discussion on invoicing the minor companies and educational partners

Jackie said she should be able to do the citation review tomorrow.

Discussion on doing the artwork

Stephen volunteered Melody to do the artwork

Tom to prepare the team certificates and Stephen to print them

Sonja plans to start on the program this week

We want to get the ads in by the end of the month

Message from Space Station

Due to the medical evacuation going on, we will probably not get a message this year

Jackie asked who was available for frame assembly

Charitable Giving

Application for scholarships sent to the Board for feedback.

Plan to send it to schools soon

Three schools have inquired already

Discussion on including Chowchilla, a school that is north of Fresno.

School is lower socio-economic, but we wouldn't present the award, it's too far

Correspondence

Website / Facebook / email

Website is in good shape

The banner is now hidden (since we are past the deadline)

Good and Welfare

We haven't heard from Paul Landry or Jerry lately – Sonja trying to reach out

Connor R. got into USC, still waiting to hear from others

Old Business:

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

Next meeting: Banquet meeting on January 20, 2026

Next Board meeting: February 10, 2026