

Engineer's Council Board meeting

July 14, 2026

In person: Jackie Zev (Secretary), Marek Barylak (Treasurer), Ken Davis, Sonja Domazet, Rudy Montalvo, Connor Davainis, Steve Ortiz

Online: Stephen Guine (President), Noelle Saccoccio (Vice President)

Meeting started 7:19 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 May 2025 Board meeting

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

Stephen 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 our website

Action items from the October 2025 meeting

Stephen to create Bylaws wording authorizing Student representatives

Action items from the November 2025 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 2026 meeting

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

Action items from the March 2026 Board meeting

Sonja to submit receipts

Sonja to send Stephen the Mailchimp login

Stephen to send out the Vision and Plan

Action items from the April 2026 Board meeting

Sonja to send a letter to USC explaining their financial responsibilities

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

Action items from the May 2026 Board meeting

~~Jackie to look into what local conventions with recruiting events we could attend~~

Two 2026 events found

The Design Automation Conference on July 26-29 &

The Grace Hopper Celebration (GHC) Oct 27-30

Ken to frame Recchia photo and get it to Scott Munroe

Action items from the June 2026 Board meeting

Marek to file a DBA for The Engineers Council

Marek to tell Rudy how many checks have been cashed

~~Ongoing, 16 confirmed deposited/cashed checks so far.~~

Rudy to ask Chaminade if they will host MathCounts

He contacted Chaminade. The teachers are out until August.

He will contact Chaminade again in August.

~~Rudy to ask Viewpoint if they will host MathCounts~~

He contacted Viewpoint, and provided the contact person to Eli.

Eli will communicate directly with Viewpoint.

Marek to look into whether we can get checks for free because we are a 501c(3)

~~Jackie to send Sonja the treasurer's report~~ (done 6/23/2026)

~~Sonja to calculate a cost per person for the banquet~~

Sonja to check as to why Mailchimp did not charge us in May

~~Rudy to send Connor a list of the students that reached out to him~~

Tom to follow up with his NASA contact

~~Sonja to send Stephen the information he needs to make Paypal buttons~~

Stephen to create Paypal buttons to purchase reprints

~~Jackie to scan thank you note and send it to Stephen~~ (done 6/23/2026)

~~Rudy to forward the thank you emails he has received~~

Minutes – accepted as written

Outreach/Newsletter

Connor D. talked to Travis Vetter, has a bunch of notes which he will send us

Action: Rudy to give Connor his daughter's company's contact information

Action: Ken to connect Connor with Singularity

Plan is to write the first newsletter this weekend; want to do them quarterly

Connor requested feedback on the draft when he sends it

Action: Sonja to send tiers to Connor for the newsletter

Treasurer's report

~~— Action: Stephen to figure out why Marek can't run Paypal reports — done —~~

Marek should be able to run reports

Almost everything in Paypal transferred to checking account.

Reimbursed expenses

11 scholarship checks cashed; 9 outstanding (6 cashed last month)

LM sent two checks, but not to the right address. They then sent them to the correct address

Received them recently, but not in this month's report

USC invoiced for \$400

Action: Stephen to follow up on Bluehost charge; send Marek a receipt

Action: Stephen to arrange payment for Mailchimp

Student Reps

Connor plans to tag up with Paige and Pierce

Banquet

Sonja presented numbers that showed that if we raised the price from \$200 to \$300,

we would have made more money than we did this year

even if the number of attendees dropped to 100 attendees

Sonja moved that we adopt the following pricing:

individual tickets: \$350;

a table: \$3000

Five tables: 5% discount

Ten tables: 10% discount

Full page ad: \$1000 before January 15, \$2000 afterwards

Half page ad: \$500 before January 15, \$1000 afterwards

Inside front cover: \$3500

Inside back cover: \$3000

Back cover: \$5000

Passed with no nos and one abstention

Discussion on ASQ's discount

They get a table at a discounted rate (\$1000 / table)

Action: Stephen to write a company letter that company reps can take to their administration

Charitable Giving

Scholarships

Action: Rudy to send pictures of students to Stephen

17 checks have been cashed

Mathcounts

searching for a new venue.

Viewpoint will depend on availability

Chaminade is closed; Rudy will contact them in August

Action: Rudy to reach out to other schools that do Mathcounts to see if they can host

Granada Hills High, Pierce College suggested

Tech Trek:

Most camps have happened

The number of kids with behavioral issues was high this year

There is a push to form Tech Trek alum groups – there is a microgrant program

The tech trek girls will be speaking to the AAUW SFV branch the third Saturday in Sept.

Correspondence –

Technology (Website / Facebook / email)

Action: Jackie to add mbarylak@jpl.caltech.edu to tec

Action: Jackie to fix the forwards

Action: Stephen to put something on the website to allow payment of invoices

Want it to be separate from the donation button

Got approval for non-profit Google workspace

Going to migrate the email address; then will work on everything else

Action: Stephen to make a LinkedIn page for the Council

Action: Jackie to add steveaortiz145@gmail.com to the forwards

Good and Welfare:

Marek celebrated his birthday last week

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

No meeting in August

Next meeting: Sept. 8, 2026