

The Engineers' Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
The Valley Inn, Sherman Oaks, California  
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

**Attendance**

The meeting was attended by board members Charlie Volk, Marek Barylak, Ken Davis, Bob Tarn, Narisa Chu, Paul Landry, Bill Johnson (t/c), Ramin Roosta, Ray Straub, Diane Kulisek (t/c), Sonja Domazet, Jerry Kraim, and Victor Moreno. Special guest Len Reder attended by teleconference to participate in conference planning discussion.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Volk at 6:08 PM.

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

Minutes of the October 27 meeting were approved as corrected. Corrections were to show that Bill Johnson participated by teleconference, and that IEEE nominee Harry Harrison is an instructor (not Dean) at ITT Tech Institute.

**Treasurer's Report**

Charlie presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2010. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

**Committee Review**

Conference

- Conference pricing will be added to the conference page, and then the page will be publicly linked in, and included in the call for nominations reminder (should be going out this weekend). Action: TARN
- Discussed conference agenda. Systems/Software track is full, but we still have speaker slots available in the Biotechnology and Alternate Energy tracks. The Systems/Software track will be moved to the morning, to make it easier to foreshorten the conference if necessary.
- CSUN venue has been selected. Accommodates 48 seats at tables, or 96 seats if just chairs.

Banquet

- Flowchart distributed by Paul Landry looks ok to everyone.
- Still have not heard from DARPA Director (Dugan) re: Keynote Speaker. Decided to pursue two alternates: Maj. Nicole Malachowski (USAF "Thunderbirds" pilot), and Dr. Werner J.A. Dahm (Air Force Chief Scientist). Others of interest: Charles Boldin (NASA Administrator), Scott Pace (Space Policy Institute Director), and Dr. Charles Elachi (JPL Center Director).

H&A

- Ramin will be setting up a meeting with Firouz Naderi to discuss our council desire to recognize Dr. Charles Elachi with the von Karman award.
- Ramin nominated Professor Melvin Breuer (USC) for the Engineering Educator of the Year.
- Bob proposed a council nomination of Dan Dumbacher (MSFC Engineering Director) for Distinguished Engineering Achievement, noting that Dan may also be a good candidate for Engineer of the Year. The board approved. Paul Landry, who knows and has worked with Dan, will call him about his attendance to receive the award.

- Bob proposed a council nomination of Robert Kempel a Merit Award, for his authoring a book (to be published next quarter) on the “Race for Mach 1”, which puts to rest rumors that an F-86 pilot broke the sound barrier before Chuck Yeager did. The board postponed consideration to next year (after actual publication of the book).
- Bob asked if Dawn Dunlop could be invited by the council to present the Yeager Award (Chuck Yeager most likely unable to attend). Yeager will send a video tribute of the awardee (Sean Tucker), which will be used in the presentation. The board approved.

#### Awards Assembly

- Bill Johnson has approval from Ramesh to use the Engineering conference room at CSUN for awards assembly.
- Bill & Ken discussed the inventory of existing materials, and the need to order supplies early.

#### Charitable Giving

- Charlie confirmed that \$500 is budgeted this year to support the WestTec Century Club.
- MathCounts cannot be hosted at CSUN this year, due to scheduled construction activity on the campus. Jerry needs another venue for ~100 kids in a large hall at tables, and a separate room for ~20 people.

#### Correspondence

- Announcement of Mt San Antonio College Natural Sciences Complex Dedication (which took place November 6)..
- Announcement from the US Commerce Association that the Engineers’ Council has been selected by them to receive the “2009 Best of Woodland Hills Award”. Purchasing the award (minimum configuration \$80) would entitle us to use the USCA logo and award notice in our advertising. The board decided to pass on this opportunity.

#### Communications

- Bob will forward contact information for Col. Scott to Ken, regarding invitations to Apollo astronauts to the 2010 banquet.

#### Webmaster

- Diane discussed setting up a Linked-In account for the council. This is free, and would provide a way for engineers to communicate with us, collaborate with us, etc. Bill and Diane to discuss this and other web proposals.
- Sonja recommended budgeting \$400 for a webmaster to redesign our council web site. Charlie noted that \$300 has been budgeted for web needs this year, of which about \$100 is needed for hosting service and domain name registration renewal.

Next Meeting: January 5.

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

Respectfully submitted on 11/18/2009  
Robert B. Tarn, Trustee & Secretary

## **Standing Committees**

### *Executive Committee*

President	Charles Volk
Vice President	Kenneth Davis
Treasurer	Charles Volk
Trustee & Secretary	Robert Tarn
Trustee	Robert Budica
Trustee	Paul Landry
Trustee	Rick Ratcliffe

### *Honors & Awards Committee*

Chair	Kenneth Davis
Committee	Chuck Olsefsky, Rick Ratcliffe, Robert Tarn, Tess Akpovi, Paul Landry, Ray Straub, Diane Kulisek

### *Audit Committee*

Chair	Chuck Olsefsky
Committee	Robert Tarn

### *Budget Committee*

Chair	Charles Volk
Committee	Executive Committee

## **Ad-hoc committees**

### *Banquet Committee*

Chair	Paul Landry
Committee	Robert Tarn, Ken Davis, Larry Dalton, Ramin Roosta, Ramesh, Ray Straub, Sonja Domazet, Stephen Guine, Tess Akpovi, Victor Moreno

### *Conference Committee*

Chair	Sonja Domazet
Committee	Ramesh, Chu, Barylak, Straub, Moreno

### *Charitable Giving Committee*

Chair	Ray Straub
Committee	Robert Tarn, Charles Volk, Larry Dalton, Jerry Kraim, Ken Futernick

### *Communications Committee*

Chair	Ken Davis
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### *By-Laws Committee*

Chair	Vice-President
Committee	Trustees

### *Good & Welfare Committee*

Chair	Chuck Olsefsky
Committee	Mile Garland, Walt Korp

### *Webmasters*

Chair	Robert Tarn
Vice Chair	William Johnson

### *Awards Assembly Committee*

Chair	William Johnson
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### *Keynote Speaker Committee*

Chair	Charles Volk
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