

San Francisco Section IEEE

EXCOM Minutes

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Camissa and Wipf

1. **Present:** Sandra Ellis, Chair; Dan Sparks, Vice Chair; George Puffett, Director; Julian Ajello, Secretary; Bob Giebeler, EMBS; Ben Williams. PES; Michael Butler, COMSOC; Shawn Yee, CCSF Student Branch; and Chris Osian, SFSU Student Branch
2. Dan called the meeting to order at 1201. The minutes were approved as read
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ray was on vacation so Dan gave the report. The balance was \$68,472.85. There are \$400 in outstanding checks and \$800 due for Science Fair awards. An audit of Section accounts was completed and found no discrepancies. We are expecting a distribution from Globcom. Dan asked them when they were likely to close the books but hasn't received an answer. We are expecting an IEEE rebate of approximately \$11,000 on April 30. We will be rebating to the Chapters based on meeting attendance. The formula is \$50/meeting + \$2/member attending + \$1/non-member attending, + \$5/ person for food.
4. **IAS:** Finn Schenk couldn't attend. Sandra was at the March meeting and reported that about 30 people attended. The presentation on the DALI light dimming system was very interesting. IAS still charges everyone \$20 for the meeting with no member discount. They have all their speakers lined up for the rest of the year. The April 24 meeting will be on grounding. Finn has been working to reconstruct the IAS mailing list. He didn't have all the names that were on Dave's list and that one was lost.
5. **PES:** There were about 28 people at the March meeting on flywheels. The speaker concentrated on big picture issues of flywheel application and didn't get into much technical detail. A short course on protection is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22. The Spring banquet will be May 30. The topic is The Renaissance of Nuclear Power. Ben got an offer from Pentadyne to give a talk on flywheels from a power quality perspective. He doesn't plan to accept because of the recent meeting on a similar topic but another chapter might be interested.
6. **COMSOC:** The April 20 meeting was on "Second Life" an on-line world. The speaker was not polished but held the audience's attention. There were about 24 people. The April 17 speaker is Joaquin Alvarado from the SF State video department. He will talk on the next generation internet.
7. **EMBS:** The chapter lost two of its five officers. Most of the membership is in imaging. Bob thinks they are reluctant to schedule a speaker because they are afraid of a small turnout. He is thinking that maybe the chapter could carve out a niche in cardiology rather than imaging. The OEB chapter is about three times the size of San Francisco's so we might be able to attract some of them to our activities.

8. **GOLD:** Alex Goldhammer held a film festival activity at Fort Mason. Twelve signed up and nine attended. He has identified a co-chair. We need to get him set up with a checkbook and signature card so he can access his concentration account.
9. **CCSF Student Branch:** There is no meeting in April because of spring break. The field trip to the data center in San Francisco at 365 Main fell through due to inability to contact the sponsor. Several possibilities are being followed for other field trips. The next meeting will be the first Thursday in May. New officers will be elected.
10. **SFSU Student Branch:** There is a meeting tomorrow. The next event will be a job fair April 26. The Chapter has grown to 35 members. They are planning a field trip to National Semiconductor on a date to be determined. Five of their members attended the SFBAC banquet and 10 have signed up for the OEB event at the Hiller Aviation Museum. There is one Micromouse team. The Section has agreed to give them \$250 now and another \$250 if their mouse runs.
11. **New Business:** Sandra got an email from the Instrumentation and Measurement Society proposing formation of a San Francisco chapter. Sandra conferred with the Santa Clara Chapter. They reported that it is very difficult to find volunteers. The Santa Clara Chapter has shrunk from a membership of 400 to 120. We still plan to send an invitation to society members who are interested in forming a chapter to attend the EXCOM meeting.
12. Dan nominated the CPUC for an IEEE Supporting Friends award. The selection board has met but he hasn't heard the results yet.
13. Paul Wesling thinks IEEE is falling behind other engineering organizations on the subject of Nanotechnology in Power. He suggested a Council level conference later in the year. Fred Jones will work with the Santa Clara Nanotechnology Chapter on organizing the conference.
14. Bob Giebler reported that the Science Fair projects were all very good. He selected four projects for \$200 prizes. Three of those projects were overall winners in the fair. Bob was able to make a short presentation on IEEE.
15. Sandra attended a Regional Activities Board finance meeting. They are thinking of restructuring the rebate program to provide incentives for more activities as well as science fair judging and educational activities in K through 12 schools.
16. An attendee at the SFBAC banquet expressed interest in forming a chapter of the Consumer Electronics Society. He was from Dallas and had been active in a chapter there. We will support it if there is enough interest.
17. We have a list of members who have allowed their membership to lapse. We will write to them giving reasons why they should renew their membership.
18. Dan has been running Google analytics on our websites. We got about 188 hits in a month. COMSOC got more than Section. IAS gets the least.
19. Bob has developed a talk on the Evolution of a biomedical platform. It is suitable for presentation at schools.

20. The next meeting will be May 1. at Camissa and Wipf.  
Respectfully submitted

Julian Ajello