

**Minutes of August 14, 2014 OC Section R60027 Meeting**  
**Northwest EMC, 41 Tesla, Irvine CA, 6:30 PM**

**Attendees and Affiliation**

Dwight Borses OCS Secretary,  
A Winsor Brown OCCS Chair  
Gora Datta OCS Vice-Chair and  
**Proxy** for OCS Treasurer

Noah Flaun OCS Past Chair  
Brian Haggerty RAS Chair  
Richard Dixon Hughes (Guest)  
Farhad Mafie SSCS Chair

Massimo Mitolo OCS Chair  
Anil Pattni CMI  
Victor Ratinoff EMC Chair  
Shirley Tseng OCCN **Proxy**

Call to order: **6:35 pm**

Attendance, with assigned proxies, constituted a quorum. Noah noted that it is imperative that no-shows designate a proxy to allow conduct of business at OCS meetings.

1. Adoption of the Agenda as emailed: Moved by Noah, seconded by Gora, and **adopted** by vote.

2. Approval of July 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes, as emailed: Moved by Noah, seconded by Winsor, and **approved** by vote.

3. Action Items

a) Appointment of Chairs of Section Committees, including:

1) Awards and Recognition committee -**Gora**

2) Newsletter - **Anil**

3) Professional Activities - open

4) Educational Activities - open

5) Student Activities - open

6) Historian - open

7) Chapter Coordinator - open

8) Membership Development - open

9) Electronic Communications Coordinator

(Web) - **Russell Hunter**

b) Request from Irvin Huang for financial support (\$300.00) to reserve Mason Park for the YP BBQ on Sept. 20 (revised date):

Noah moved that YP host the BBQ as the **Section BBQ**, subject to (i) funding allocation shall be the \$2,000 allocated in the 2014 budget for End of Summer Fest (line item 4.12), (ii) invitations, flyer, and coordination be prepared by Sept 1, and (iii) YP accepts this responsibility. The motion was seconded by Gora, and the motion **passed** by vote.

c) Resolution of Charitable Contribution Receipt to Ashton Steffanci at Western Digital Foundation for donation of forty 500GB My Passport portable hard drives in Oct. 2013 for IEEE Student Design Contest, an SSCS and OCS collaboration:

Farhad explained the WD request process and advised that the WD - OCS relationship he has fostered has been on-going for 8 to 9 years. Though the recipient of the drives that were given as student awards, he declined to sign the receipt requested by WD, instead deferring that to the OCS officers. Noah, though not involved with the drives during his late term as 2013 OCS Chair, has agreed to complete the receipt for WD.

d) Support IEEE Student Design Contest.

Going forward, CE Chair Reggie Little will be the OCS designated contact for securing WD drives for student awards, and the go-to person for chapters wanting such drives for student awards.

e) Formalization of the officers of the OCEN steering committee, as proposed by Brian Haggerty:

Noah reiterated that based on past discussions, it had been intended for Anil, Shirley, and Farhad to have equal status in the OCEN subcommittee.

4. Discussion Items - none

5. Government relations - no items

6. Industry relations - no items

7. Reports

a) **Section Finance** July 2014 report

Opening Balance: **\$80,248.90**      Income: Interest \$14.12  
Expenses: ExCom Dinner \$75.00      Closing Balance: **\$80,188.02**

b) **Awards and Recognition Committee** Chair's report: 2015 Region 6 Section/Area/Region Awards  
Gora announced that OCS will submit awards for **Outstanding Engineer - Massimo Mitolo** and **Outstanding Leader – Farhad Mafie**. He further advised that OCS entered the process late, that the process is tedious, and the complicated application form is a deterrent to the process.

c) **Governance Committee** Chair report (Brian & Noah) and ratification of Nominating Committee:  
Brian reported that with current officer terms extended to 2 years, there is no need for committee this year.

#### 8. Information Items

a) Orange County Engineering Council (OCEC) Annual Meeting , 5:30 pm, Aug. 19, 2014 (Tuesday) at  
Tandoor Cuisine of India, Orange, CA. \$20 per person buffet dinner; RSVP deadline today 8/14/14

b) IEEE EMBS OC “Product Development for Clinical Diagnostics,” Dr. Vincent Gau, PhD, GeneFluidics,  
Aug 27th (Wed), Brandman University, Irvine; RSVP at EMBS link <http://embs.eventbrite.com/>

c) SOCC 2014, - 27th IEEE International System-on-Chip Conf., Sept 2-5, 2014, Planet Hollywood Resort,  
Las Vegas, NV. Call for Participation and Grant Application: <http://www.ieee-socc.org/index.php/2014-01-21-17-34-36/soc-tech-tutorial-school-grant>

#### 9. Old Business

a) Contractor for Section web site:

Massimo reported that the forms for Russell Hunter have been submitted to IEEE HQ and await approval.

b) Progress report on Educational Outreach projects funded by Purdue University by Brian Hagerty.

EPICS, Engineering Projects in Community Service, founded at Purdue in 1995, enables IEEE student branches and IEEE Young Professionals groups to work with high school through college students on community service-related engineering projects. Brian is looking to work with the Environmental Nature Center in Irvine, for such a program locally.

c) RAC relaunch status:

Brian is new Chair, Noah is Vice-Chair; there are 70 members in OCS. The chapter will have a program at Irvine Valley College, date to be determined, and will request \$500 seed money from the section.

d) Brian, Gora, and Winsor to report regarding section management of hardware and Software tools at OCS disposal:

Tools providers are being approached and a short list of software tools and hardware is being developed. Intent is for OCS to own the licenses to the tools.

#### 10. New Business

Richard discussed Outreach Training for Engineers in Transition through creation of workshops rather than just technical training sessions, with successful completion recognized with awarding of certificates. Dr. Asad A. Abu-Tarif, OCCS's Corporate Liaison, is developing these as a not-for-profit enterprise.

#### 11. Adjournment to Next Meeting - September 11, 2014: **8:14 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dwight Borses  
OCS Secretary