

# Minutes IEEE OC Section R60027 ExCom Meeting 14-May-2015

## Attendees and Affiliation

Dwight Borses, OCS Secretary  
A. Winsor Brown, OCCS Chair  
Gora Datta, OCS Vice-Chair  
William (Bill) Fisher, GameSig Chair  
James Grise, OCCS Treasurer  
Charles Gropper, proxy for EMBS Chair  
Brian Hagerty, RAS Chair  
Raja Khabbaz, OCS Membership Development Chair

Massimo Mitolo, OCS Chair  
Farhad Mafie, OCEN, SSCS Chair  
Padman Nagenthiram, proxy for AESS Chair  
Arti Richard, OCS Treasurer  
Shirley Tseng, proxy for OCCN Chair  
Ian Varley, PES-IAS Chair  
Hanli Zou, ComSig Chair

The meeting was called to order 6:34 pm by the Chair

1. The addenda for the 14-May-2015 meeting as emailed to ExCom officers was adopted by vote
2. The minutes of the 9-April-2015 meeting as emailed to ExCom officers was accepted by vote.
3. Action Items –none outstanding
4. Discussion Items – see reports
5. Government relations - none
6. Industry relations - none
7. Reports

### 7.1 Treasurer's report on April 2015 Section finances.

Arti's diligent work with IEEE HQ earned OCS its full rebate for 2014 activities, including the 10% bonus even though some chapters had not submitted their financial reports on time, in the amount of **\$14,221.90**. OCS will develop and publish rules for chapter, affinity group, and SIG rebate payouts that will require, at a minimum, chapter attendance at OCS ExCom meetings.

### 7.2 Chair's report

Massimo reported that IEEE issues grants in the range of \$5,000 to \$100,000 for tools that would be useful to IEEE members. Gora has some ideas for such tools.

### 7.3 Vice Chair's report

- Gora reported attending Consultants' Network meetings in Orange County, Foothill, and LA Sections to show support by the OCS. The Consultants Network is piloting a project on collaborative tools. Brian added that this is an effort to standardize on HW platforms
- Attended a Region 6 meeting at UC Riverside that included a Student Design Contest with undergraduate students from CSUF, UCI, and UCR.
- OC GameSig involves students from UCI, UCR, Chapman University, Irvine Valley College, and Santa Ana College.
- WebEx account access is available through IEEE

## 8. Information Items

### 8.1 **International Test Conference (ITC) 2015** (Anaheim, October 4 – 9, 2015) On 23 April 2015 Massimo Mitolo and Gora Datta participated in a conference call with 2015 International Test Conference Steering Committee members Marvin Weilerstein, Bill Eklow, and Ron Press and discussed ideas and assistance OCS can offer ITC.

- Technical Program participation opportunities for speakers, invited talks and panelists,
- Conference publicizing to OCS and Region 6 members and to local colleges and universities
- Identifying local companies for conference promotion and exhibits
- Contribute ideas for keynote speakers and/or invited talks
- Identify particular needs for tutorials.
- Possibility of modest discounts for OCS ITC Conference attendees
- OC Section shall have no financial or technical obligations.
- Announcement of the event shall be emailed to OCS members.

After discussion, it was agreed that **IEEE OCS will cross-endorse the IEEE Philadelphia Section ITC Conference in accordance with IEEE Policy 10.1.4** ([https://www.ieee.org/documents/ieee\\_policies.pdf](https://www.ieee.org/documents/ieee_policies.pdf)).

Cross endorsement is sought when a conference sponsored by an IEEE geographic (or non-geographic e.g., society, Educational Activities Board [EAB], IEEE Standards Association [SA] and IEEE-USA) organizational unit is holding a conference in its field of interest outside of its own jurisdiction and it is the endorsement from the organizational unit where the conference is being held for the sponsoring organizational unit's conference. Cross endorsement is expected to be timely and should be requested during the planning stages of the conference.

Gora has provided the Steering Committee with names of pharmaceutical and biotech companies for possible promotion and exhibits and has invited members to address OCS during the conference in a lunch for local IEEE members.

Winsor indicated publicizing the conference through OCCS Announcements and OCCS Friends could reach 4,000 individuals.

**8.2 IEEE Radio and Wireless Symposium (RWS) 2018 (Anaheim, April 15 –18, 2018).** IEEE has approved a Conference Registration Application occurring within OCS. IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society is participating as a sponsor of the event. The contact for further event information is Elsie Vega, IEEE MCE, 732-981-3428, [elsie.vega@ieee.org](mailto:elsie.vega@ieee.org)

**8.3 Student Branches rebate eligibility.** IEEE Member and Geographic Activities (MGA) introduced at the last IEEE board meeting a pre-proposal that student branches should report to their section rather than IEEE HQ.

Student branches need to report their elected officers every year be eligible for annual rebates and must submit month-by-month accounting of number of meetings are held (not L31s).

OCS has CSU Fullerton and UC Irvine student branches. CSU Fullerton appears not to have reported officers since 1995 despite having otherwise active branch membership.

## 9. Old Business

**9.1 Nominating Committee** Brian has withdrawn as chairman of the committee as he is considering running for a section office and has suggested that chapter leadership form a committee to nominate section officers. Ideally, there will be 2 to 4 names for each position. Winsor accepted chairmanship of the committee.

**9.2 Awards Committee** Gora is chairing the committee and seeks two more people for the committee. Charles (EMDS) and James (OCCS) have offered to suggest names.

## 10. New Business

### **GameSig**

Bill, GameSig chair, spoke of the group's seven year history and its mission to develop professional careers in gaming through educational outreach, contests and intercollegiate showcase events. Typically 30 contending teams, each having official, professional mentor-leaders, participate and present projects to a team of professional judges. Collaboration often extends across different local area schools. These events are fun and help develop careers for participants. GameSig's long-term goal is to expand beyond to local area, possibly internationally, to take this success to the rest of the world. Currently, the prime goal is to find and train mentors. GameSig operates with a \$5K budget, and seeks external sponsors. A recent event attended by 247 individual developers, had a sponsor that paid half the expense of the rented space at Chapman College.

Brian, Chair of Region 6 Educational Activities, spoke of the possibility of IEEE-USA PACE (Professional Activities Committees for Engineers) funding for GameSig activities. A robust discussion among the attendees ensued.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next ExCom meeting will be held on 11-June-2015.



