

Minutes of June 26 IEEE Pikes Peak Section Executive Committee Meeting

We met in-person at Poor Richard's Restaurant and Pizzeria in downtown Colorado Springs.



Bailey Heyman, John Santiago, Abigail Teron, David Bondurant, Gene Freeman, Priyank Kashyap, and Sentil Mehalingam at Poor Richards

Chair Report

The Chair reviewed key issues in the coming month.

Pikes Peak Section must implement an on-line election this year. We need a three person election committee in place by August 1. The proposed committee will consist of John Reinert (our outgoing treasurer and former chair), John Santiago (past chair) and Debora

Elam (past chair). During July, the Committee needs to get trained on using the Vtools Nomination and Voting tools. We need to put together a slate of candidates for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer and then go out for further nominations in August. By September we finalize the slate of officers for the election but allow 1 month for petition candidates. At that point, we put together the final ballot and in December launch the on-line voting process. By December 31, we report the winners. We need to find 2 candidates for each office this year.

We need to put together a Senior Membership Upgrade panel by July 16. The Panel would consist of 3 Senior members who would act as nominator and technical references for Senior Member candidates. On July 16, we will host James Mercier, Chair of the Senior Member Upgrade committee of the Central Texas Section in Austin. He will talk about So You Want To Be A Senior Member. We hope to encourage Senior member candidates to come to the meeting with preliminary documentation which can be evaluated by the panel to start the on-line process of becoming a Senior member.

David has booked the Peel House at First Lutheran as the meeting location for the 2 upcoming meetings on July 16. A lunch will offer a box lunch to attendees and James Mercier will talk about Bridges: Actually, They are Very Safe (In This Country). At Dinner we will have a buffet style Italian dinner in the Peel House dining room with seating in the parlor. James Mercier will do his So You Want To Be A Senior Member talk and candidates can meet briefly with the panel to start their upgrade process.

David talked about the need to get together with Dr. Kalkur, Dr. Perera, Yugesh Bhattarai with Bailey Heyman and himself to develop a plan for UCCS Student Branch during Fall 2024. We are wanting to encourage some activities by the Branch to grow membership and become more active.



David briefly described his participation in a Computer Society SYP meeting in Santa Clara on June 16 at Intel HQ. It was attended by 16 people in-person and 51+ online from all over the world. This SYP group is very active with over 12 initiatives.

He highlighted the first Rooftop Social in North America held at IDEO headquarters in San Francisco with 110 people participating. He encourages Pike's Peak to consider a similar type event to attract SYPs and people from outside the Section membership to become engaged.



YP Report - Priyank Kashyap reported on his YP activity. He has sent out a survey to Pikes Peak YPs but has experienced fairly low response rate of 4%. He says that we have over 200 YPs in the Section. So far the preferences from the survey is to hold meetings on weekends during the day and focus on technical talks. Respondents preferred in-person meetings in Colorado Springs.

Priyank is planning YP meetings. He looked into getting funding for meetings from the YP organization. He wants to hold a Section Paper Competition in October. Is planning to setup a WhatsApp group for YPs. He has connected with Denver and High Plains YP leaders so we are now connected. He showed a preliminary schedule of YP events starting with Senior Member Upgrade event on July 16, possible Technical Talk later in July. Talk on How to do a Technical Presentation (Week of August 6) and Social event at a brewery sometime in August. Thinking of Panel discussion with both YP and Life Members in September. Finally a Paper Competition at UCCS in October.

SAC Report - Bailey is committed to leading the Region 5 student competitions at the Region Annual Meeting in Denver in 2026. Noted that none of our Student Branches are putting together annual plans and she was ready to help in this area. Group noted that CSU-Pueblo Student Branch advisor Jude De Palma has not been responsive lately. We believe that he is retiring and we may need to identify the new Student Branch advisor at CSU-Pueblo.

Magnetics Society - After the Excom, we received the announcement of 10th Front Range Advanced Magnetics Symposium that will be held at UCCS on August 17, 2024. The conference focuses on fostering and enhancing interactions between geographically separated researchers in Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. It's a free conference with breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided by sponsors. Registration deadline is July 12. They are inviting Graduate, undergraduate, and even high-school students to participate in their poster sessions.

Abigail Teron - We were introduced to a new member of Pikes Peak Section. Abigail is a PhD student and also working as a contractor to Space Force in Colorado Springs. She brings a lot of experience from her home in Puerto Rico where she was Puerto Rico Section

chair and Computer Society Chapter chair along with being active in other IEEE groups. She has volunteered to be Pikes Peak Section Membership Development Chair. One of her first tasks will be to develop a monthly newsletter to be sent to Section members and others. Please support her email request for headshots and profile information for the newsletter and short activity reports for the Chapters and Student Branches.

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