

# LMAG OFFICER'S MEETING MINUTES



**DATE:** Thursday, May 9th, 2024

**TIME:** 11:30 AM

**LOCATION:** Blanco BBQ

## Call to Order Curtis Cryer, Vice Chair

- **Life Members Affinity Group**
- **Meeting Discussions**
- Scott gave an update on the Financials
  - Current \$1,499 in our CB Checking Account. Transactions re joint hosted meetings detail is pending from LSS Treasurer. [Future handling of sub-OU funding is to be discussed with LSS and other sub-OU Chairs.]
  - Scott to request LMC reimbursement (should exceed \$1,300)
  - Consider joint hosting of Annual Dinner to share costs
- **GENERAL INFO:**
  - Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 11:30 there will be a PES & LMAG joint meeting at La Fonda. Curtis will be the speaker.
  - Earnest Franke had a workday at SAMSAT, LMAG to reimburse cost of meal.
  - We have 22 meetings so far this year
  - All of our 2024 activities will be important for applying for the Global Achievement Award in 2025.
  - We also discussed developing a STEM Scholarship that will require a separate accounting for the donations; we will issue a tax exemption receipt for any donations. Possible setting up separate CB Checking Account for donations since IEEE will not allow funding scholarships using funds sourced from IEEE member dues.
  - Cliff will upload our minutes upon final approval by Curtis (since Warren, our Chair is on Vacation)
- **ExCom Members Attending**
  - Cliff Denny, WebMaster
  - Curtis Cryer, Vice Chair
  - John Lyons, Secretary
  - Scott Atkinson, Treasurer
- **ExCom Members Not Present**
  - Warren Conner, Chair
  - Garrett Polhamus, Past Chair

## Approval of Previous Minutes

Secretary previously sent out minutes, need to follow up to ensure approved and then posting on Website.

## Reports:

- Clif reported on Website. Probably needs a review to check info.
- Curtis reported on status of upcoming programs.
- Scott reported on wrapup on IEEE Conference, Donations exceeded \$6,000, Silver Sponsorship fee was \$5,000. Balance used to buy posters, name badges, Name badge holders, table runner & Poster Stand.

## Awards

- Our LMAG has won the IEEE LMC Global Achievement Award now two times; each when eligible.
- Year 2024 is the qualifying year for the next time our LMAG is eligible; applications can be submitted in early 2025 for the next award.
- The 2025 Awards for LMAGs start with the Region Award for an LMAG plus an award for an outstanding individual. Winning the Region Award makes an LMAG eligible for competing against the other 9 regions of the world for winning the Global Achievement Award.
- It would be an incredible accomplishment for us to win a third time. Our meetings and activities are on course to make a credible attempt so let's all keep up the good work.
  - As of May 8<sup>th</sup>, we have completed the following towards eligibility for the 2025 Award:
    - 22 meetings
    - Co-hosted with EMB, PES, C16, Com/SP, St. Mary' Student Branch, and UTSA Student Branch and also performed volunteer time with SAMSAT to prepare for the upcoming IEEE History Center Mobile Museum.
    - One member, T Scott Atkinson, initiated the hosting of the Texas Life Members Reception that was held at the Austin, tX Hyatt Regency Hotel for the IEEE LMC Conference (first one). Thru Scott's efforts, donations from Texas Life Members exceeded \$6,000 of which \$5,000 went to a Silver Sponsorship of that Conference.

## 2024 Meetings / Speakers

### Upcoming speaker Presentations

- 16 May 24: Curtis Cryer will present
- 20 Jun 24, Mike Fischer ., Curtis Coordinating
- 18 Jul 24, Schedule for SWRI, Slick Cafe
- 15 Aug 24, TBD
- 19 Sep 24, TBD
- 17 Oct 24, TBD
- 23 Nov 24, Annual Dinner (need to reserve Barn Door Fireplace Room)

Possible Meetings CPS Mentoring @ UTSA, Curtis to coordinate

Possible Tour

SWRI/Carbon Capture Presentation/Tour??, Curtis to coordinate

## Officer Travels

**Curtis out July, August and September**

**John Out last week in August thru ??**

## **NEW Business**

### **Motions**

A motion was presented and approved by the attendees, to develop a process to obtain donations so that our LMAG could offer STEM Scholarships. Scott has reached out to MGA Finance to determine if establishing a separate CB checking Account could be established to hold the donated funds. Procedures for awarding scholarships is pending further analysis and decision.

### **Name Tags**

Securing Name Tags for Richard Wilson, Jim Brakefield, Curtis Cryer and Warren Conner.

### **Announcements**

Vtools Events for the upcoming meeting (16 May) has been created and sent out to the LMAG members and the LS Section.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

**13:00**

**SECRETARY APPROVAL:**     *John A. Lyons 5/12/2024*  
*(Signature & Date)*

**CHAIR APPROVAL:**