

OC ACM Executive Committee

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Date: February 26, 2025

Call to order 12:01pm
PST



Orange County

Agenda

- Review of prior meeting minutes
- Officers / Volunteers
- 2025 Chapter Officer Slate
- Treasurer's Report
- Upcoming Event Preparation
- Future Event Planning
- Committee Business



Meeting Attendees

- *Michael Fahy*
- ~~*Allen Takatsuka*~~
- ~~*Dan Whelan*~~
- *Marc Velasco*
- ~~*Nilo Niccolai*~~
- *Winsor Brown*
- *Ansel Teng*
- ~~*Don Choi*~~
- ~~*Trae Palmer*~~

- ~~*Raman Rajan*~~
- ~~*Shirley Tseng*~~
- ~~*Cynthia Kirkeby*~~
- ~~*Farhad Mafie*~~
- *Jared Miller*
- ~~*Kenneth Aguilar*~~
- ~~*Dawn Childs*~~
- *Taylor Noh*
- *Stephen Landaas*



Motions



Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Status
Approve January 2025 Executive Committee minutes	Michael	Jared	Approved



Officers



Position	Volunteer
Chair	Daniel Whelan Ph.D.
Vice-Chair	Allen Takatsuka
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Secretary	Marc Velasco
Communications	Dawn Childs
Webmaster	Stephen Landaas
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Officers (cont'd)

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2025 Chapter Officer Slate

Michael – Farhad would make a great vice chair if he's willing

Ansel – would still like to continue sigai role

Jared is willing to continue with fundraising but help elsewhere as needed (might get busy later in the year)

Stephen – would like to continue as webmaster, can help with hospitality as well



2025 Chapter Officer Slate



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Treasurer's Report EOM January 2025

Beginning Balance	\$7,599.74	01/01/25
Deposits	\$360.00 \$100.00	01/02/25 AOGFCauses Benevity 01/31/25 AOGFCauses Benevity
Expenses	\$34.99 \$86.27	01/16/25 Dan Whelan (Name Badges) 01/17/25 Taylor Noh (Jan. Mtg. Expenses)
Current Balance	\$7,938.48	01/31/25
Restricted Funds	\$2,9	
Unrestricted Balance	\$4,9	

Two deposits from Benevity, not sure who specifically these were from.



Upcoming (March) Event Planning



- Dave Cunningham, Senior Case Manager, will be presenting “Navigating the Storm”
 - Thanks to Farhad for suggesting this topic
- Event has been posted on Meetup
- Dawn has initiated the first wave of social media posts and Stephen has posted on our website.
- We currently have 18 Meetup RSVPs
- TBD pending response from our speaker as to whether we will have a happy hour at SOL Mexican Cocina prior to the meeting
- This meeting will also be our annual business meeting so it would be great to record that portion of the meeting as a separate video as we have done in the past.
- Please promote this meeting to your personal contacts and social networks
- Any other suggestions for increasing turnout?

• Everyone should begin resharing
• See if we can find relevant events to share with the event, ransomware news items and such.

covery:
February 18th.
social media posts



Future Program Calendar

Date	Speaker	Talk
11/19/2025		
9/17/2025		
7/16/2025		
5/14/2025		
3/19/2025	Dave Cunningham Business Technology Officer Alvaka	Ransomware Recovery: Navigating the Storm

We need your help identifying, vetting and recruiting speakers for future meetings!



Future Program Event Candidates (UCI)

Machine Learning

- Stephan Mandt (anomaly detection without supervised learning)
- Roy Fox (reinforcement learning, robotics)
- Jing Zhang (ML applied to bioinformatics)
- Alex Berg (computational visual recognition, starts @UCI Spring 2022)
- ~~Dr. Peter Chang (AI and Medicine)~~

Control Theory & Robotics

- Magnus Egerstedt, Dean of Engineering, Samueli School of Engineering (Referred by Aaron Ames of Caltech)

System

- Sang-Woo Jun (acceleration)
- Sangeetha Jyothi (Data center networking)
- Moshen Imani (bio-inspired computing)

Theory

- Vijay Vazirani (involved with the design of early Google Ad Placement Alg.)

Informatics

- Vladimir Minin (Data analysis wrt infectious diseases)
- Stacy Branham (human-centered computing)



Future Program Event Candidates



Potential Speakers

- Caltech Professor Yisong Yue, ML [Dan]
- Andrew Kirkland, CISO at Starbucks
- Beth Harnick-Shapiro [Marc]
- Bill Lobig VP IBM Software Development - Analytics [Marc]
- Christophe Begue, ex-IBM (Blockchain) now PDF Solutions
- John Koon, Tech Idea Research - Autonomous Cars
- Bill Cleveland – Data Visualization (M. Fahy has reached out to him)
- Alanna Gombert, Global CRO at MetaX – Blockchain
- Sushant Rao - Operational Analytic Data Stores (M. Fahy has reached out to him)
- Paul Anderson, Anderson Software Group – Go language
- Alyssa Columbus, Data Scientist at Pacific Life - Robust and Reproducible Predictive Modeling Workflows
- Dianne Cook, Prof. of Business Analytics, Monash University – Data Visualization

Topics

- Interest in potentially having a future talk focused on Privacy By Design (PbD) and related best practices identified in March meeting
- Feedback from three May meeting attendees:
 - LLM applications and Real-world use cases
 - IOT
 - AI
 - Cybersecurity discussion around the current attack approaches
 - IP law update



Committee Business

Volunteer Updates

New/Other Business

No committee business

Adjourn 12:17

