

AIAA SF Section Council Meeting Minutes

Council Meeting Date: **3/19/2026**

Attendees:

- Prasad Gogineni
- Eugene Hudson
- Sina Aboutorabi
- Sheen Kao

Location: Hacker Dojo – Hybrid meeting (on Zoom video and in person)

Sheen: No updates from Sheen. Sheen is ready to send out the announcement as soon as he hears back from Eric regarding his potential speaker who has in mind.

Prasad: Prasad was assigned as an online judge for this year's AIAA Student Conference at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. He has also been invited to attend the conference as an on-site judge. Krishna will also serve as Head Judge at the Region VI AIAA student conference.

Eugene: Gene also has no update. Gene's email address was verified to have been added to the AIAA SF Council list.

Sina: Sina reached out to a professor (a retired astronaut) he knows at NPS two weeks ago (March 5) and has not heard back from him yet. Sina also met a friend who works at NASA Ames, and he is willing to be a speaker for any upcoming AIAA SF tech talk. As the potential speaker, he needs to get his supervisor's permission to speak or present.

Sheen said the last happy hour was on Feb 26, 2026. Last year, we tended to have happy hours once every quarter, but this year we are shifting to bi-monthly happy hours. We are aiming to have another happy hour soon. We tentatively preplanned another happy hour for early April, maybe a week before our 1st tech talk in 2026.

Sheen: Before setting an exact date for the next happy hour in Sunnyvale, we need to wait to hear back from Eric regarding the upcoming tech talk schedule.

Sheen and Prasad would like to try another restaurant for our upcoming happy hour. Gene is also cool with trying another restaurant for happy hour this time around. Prasad proposed to have our next happy hour on April 8, a Wednesday, in about three weeks. Prasad will make an announcement and send it to Sheen when ready. The restaurant we are going back to is Off the Rails Brewing Co, which we have visited several times before.

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