Message from the Chair

July 2017

Dear Colleagues and Friends of IEEE,

I had the pleasure of attending the Region 1 Board of Governors meeting in Nashua, NH on June 10th. The meeting brings together the leaders across the 22 Sections that comprise Region 1. We also had an opportunity to meet and hear Jeff Jefferies (2017 IEEE President Elect) and Karen Pedersen (2017 IEEE USA President) speak about the state of the IEEE Society. Jim spoke about the technical breadth of IEEE including its 1800+ Annual Conferences, 4M+ Technical Documents, and 1300+ Active Standards. It was also exciting to hear about some of the new initiatives being pursued including IEEE Museum Exhibits, Seed Grants, and Technical English Programs. This is also the year of IEEE Sections Congress to be held in Sydney, Australia from August 11-13th. In preparation for that meeting, each Region provides recommendations for improving IEEE. The following recommendations were provided by Region 1.

- Invest in development/improvement of vTools beyond its current functionality to better help us set up event registration.
- Provide an ‘instant community’ and/or ‘forum’ facility either using Collabratec (5 minutes or less to create a community and/or forum) or with some alternative system, so members are not forced to go outside of IEEE to pursue immediate online community and/or forum creation.
- Assist sections to develop a visibility campaign that reaches out to non-engineers to let them know what IEEE has done to make the world a better place. The result being that IEEE would be known in key countries for its wide breadth of fields of interest.

Primary Section Delegates will vote on the recommendations during the IEEE Sections Congress 2017, and the top recommendations will be presented to the MGA Board for action and reported to the IEEE Board of Directors.

I am happy to report that I was elected to be the Western Area Chair of Region 1 at the Board of Governors meeting. I will be taking over for Dan Sniezek from Binghamton, NY. Dan has been a great asset for the Western Area Region and it will be challenging to fill his role next year! I will be representing the Sections in our Area including: Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Ithaca, and Binghamton.

Pictures from the Region 1 Board of Governors meeting on June 10th in Nashua, NH.

2017 IEEE President-Elect James A. Jefferies

Syracuse Section Chair Don McPherson
Finally, please remember that there will be no Excom meeting in July. Alternatively, please join us at our summer event at Seabreeze on July 13th. Don’t wait too long to register! Tickets are going fast! As of June 13th, we had already sold 87 tickets! See you at Seabreeze!

Best regards,

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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

Welcome new Regular Members: Nicholas Stephen Columbare, Huynseong Kum, Victoria Fornaro DeYoung, and Alessandro Giussani.
Welcome new Graduate Student Members: Felipe Petroski Such; Rouhuang Zheng
Welcome new Student Members: Margaret Cech
Welcome newly elevated Senior Member: Gonzalo Mateos

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER!**

IEEE Rochester Section is looking for interested volunteers to help organize and plan local events. The local IEEE organizational units are run by a group of very dedicated volunteers. These volunteers are the most important group of individuals that make IEEE what it is in Rochester. This dedicated group has many different reasons for volunteering. What is yours!

There are a number of different society chapters, standing committees and affinity groups that are inviting you to experience the rewards, challenges, and networking benefits of volunteering for IEEE Rochester Section. Please visit: [http://sites.ieee.org/rochester/resources-things-you-need/become-a-volunteer/](http://sites.ieee.org/rochester/resources-things-you-need/become-a-volunteer/)

**UPCOMING IEEE EVENTS**

**Summer Event – SEABREEZE! July 13, 2017 – From 11 am – 10 pm**

Join the Rochester Section during their casual summer event at Seabreeze! Tickets are still available.

About Seabreeze: Seabreeze is clean, safe, and manageable. It’s not too big and not too small – just the right size for your family. The park is close by, easy to get to with highway access, and there’s plenty of free parking. Whether you want to experience all the great rides and slides, or just relax and take in the spectacular views and cool summer breezes off Lake Ontario, you’ll have a wonderful, memorable day with your family. And it’s all yours at a price that will make you smile.

The only goal of this event is to have FUN!! Bring your entire family for a whole day of excitement. For more details about activities and dinner menu, visit: [https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/44408](https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/44408)

Going to Seabreeze with dinner normally costs $30/person. For you and your family, it’s just $5/person.

This rate will increases to $10/person if you register on June 30 or later.

To register, go to: [https://events.vtools.ieee.org/meeting_registration/register/44408](https://events.vtools.ieee.org/meeting_registration/register/44408)

**Rochester Section EXCOM Meeting - August 1, 2017 @ 11:45 - 13:00**

If you are looking for a cheap lunch ($5 for members and $3 for students), join us for the next monthly Rochester Section IEEE Executive Committee meeting. All current and prospective IEEE members may attend! Please join us to learn more about the Society and how you may contribute. We are always looking for new members and volunteers.

**NEW LOCATION FOR JUNE AND AUGUST!**

NEW Location: Tandoor of India 376 Jefferson Rd, Henrietta, New York.

Please visit our website to see more upcoming events! [https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/44004](https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/44004)

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