Message From the Chair

Dear colleagues,

We had an EXCOM meeting in February. We had sufficient quorum to vote. We had a greater representation from students from RIT and U of R. It is important for our section to encourage greater participation from students as well as young professionals. Attendance at EXCOM meetings by voting members has been sparse this year. I am hoping it will improve in the next few months, when the weather improves.

Eric Brown will be reviving Bio Beers, which is a networking event. This event will be held during this month. More details will follow in vtools.

We have formed a nominating committee for the next slate of officers, as our term expires at the end of this year. It is time to have new leadership.

Cristian Linte has done a great job in lining up speakers for the upcoming Joint Chapters Meeting in April.

Dave Krispinsky has lined up IEEE- speakers for talks at the Rochester Engineering Symposium, also to be held on April 23rd. Our section has had an active presence at this symposium, which has grown, considerably, in the past few years. It is a great opportunity for Professional Engineers to obtain their continuing education units.

We have several members who can apply for Senior Membership. They include many of our Life Members. Please contact Jean Kendrick to understand the procedures as well as to obtain references.

We are deciding where our summer family event should be held. Last year's Balloon Festival ended up too windy for launching the balloons. However, there were other activities around the festival to engage our attendees.

The 15th annual Engineering Symposium in Rochester is on April 23, 2019 7:30 A.M – 6:30 P.M. The IEEE track for this event will have 6 speakers. Dave Krispinsky & Jean Kendrick will be moderators at this event. The symposium will take place at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, NY. Professional Engineers can earn up to 7 Professional Development Hours. The advanced registration fee is $140.00; it goes up to $170.00 after April 1st. Details can be found at: http://www.roceng.org/event-3249637.

Our next EXCOM meeting is on Tuesday, March 5th 11:50 – 13:00. We will review plans for upcoming Rochester meetings within our section, chapters, and groups. If you are looking to become more engaged in IEEE in the Rochester Section, please plan on attending this meeting. The EXCOM meetings are also great opportunities for networking with fellow engineers over lunch. This meeting is open to all IEEE members, and all are welcome. For more information, see http://sites.ieee.org/rochester/event/rochester-section-excom-meeting-40/.
Notice of Rochester IEEE Section Elections

The tenure of the current officers of the Rochester Section of IEEE ends on December 31, 2019. So pursuant to subsection 1 of section 9.4.G of the MGA Operations Manual, the Executive Committee of the section has appointed a committee to nominate a slate of candidates for election of the following officers for two years, starting January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.

• Chair
• Vice Chair
• Secretary
• Treasurer

Duties and responsibilities of the officers of the section are described in the IEEE MGA Operations Manual in subsection 1 of section 9.4.F

Membership of IEEE in good standing (Graduate Student Member, Member, Senior Member or Fellow Grade) and willingness to volunteer to serve are the only two qualifications for nomination and later getting elected. Any member of the section can nominate him/herself or a friend after getting the friend’s agreement for any of the offices listed above.

Through this notification, nominations are solicited for each of the offices listed above. Nominations may be sent via e-mail to any or all of the following members of the Nominating Committee, on or before May 1, 2019. A short biographical note of a nominee will be appreciated. It should include name, educational qualification, current professional affiliation, IEEE membership grade (such as Graduate Student Member, Member, Senior Member, Fellow) and contact information, e-mail address and telephone number. For any question contact any member of the committee via e-mail.

Nominating Committee
Greg Gdowski (Chair) – greg.gdowski@gmail.com
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Mark Schrader – m.schrader@ieee.org

IEEE Region 1 Student Conference – 2019

The IEEE Region 1 Student Conference, the premier annual event where student branches from IEEE Region 1 - the eight Northeastern United States (CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI and VT) - meet to discuss mutual challenges and to compete in regional competitions, will be held March 8th – 10th, at Binghamton University. It also provides a great opportunity for student members to work in teams and to network with Industry Professionals and IEEE Leaders. See: http://sites.ieee.org/r1/2018/01/15/2018-ieee-region-1-annual-student-conference-on-march-23-25th/.

Joint Chapter Meeting – 2019

The Joint Chapter Meeting – 2019 will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 4 P.M. at RIT. Location details will be provided later. The keynote presentation will be given by John Kregel, and all of the Society/Group presentation slots are filled.

IEEE Rochester Section Upcoming Events

For current information and registration links for the events listed above, and additional events, see http://sites.ieee.org/rochester/

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