**IEEE Region 1 BOG Meeting 2017**

**Long Island Section Report**

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The Long Island Section has been very active having 18 active Society Chapters, as well as affinity groups and committees, including, Consultants Network, LIFE, Young Professionals and WIE. Our mission is to provide technical service to the development of the region and help growth of technological professions. The Section has emphasized the distribution of technical knowledge and has sponsored many meetings and symposia. Our Section has had many noteworthy engineers and Fellows. The Section collaborates regularly and efficiently with the academic institutions and industries in the region and organizes technical meetings, workshops and conferences.

**Officers’ Meeting**

This year we have initiated a new practice of having a meeting of the Section Officers, including, Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, Junior Past Chair, Senior Past Chair. The Officers meet once a month, usually one week before the Executive Committee meeting, to outline the plans of action to make the Section effective and to prepare the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting.

**Executive Committee(Excom) Meeting**

The Executive Committee meets once a month except June and July. It includes the Section Officers as well as Chairs and Vice Chairs of all the chapters and committees. The meeting is also open to general members and even non-IEEE members. The Committee discusses the plans of actions for the Section, approves budgets and any new or changes in the policies.

This year the Executive Committee has been putting special emphasis on the following topics/issues:

1. Website development and moving to a new platform using Wordpress
2. Use of social media as an outreach and membership development venue
3. Involvement with high school science competitions and promoting STEM education
4. Initiating an IEEE social on monthly bases – for members only
5. Involving companies
6. Charging non‐IEEE Members for attending a technical meeting

**Holiday party for Excom members**

The section combined the last meeting of the 2016 with a Holiday party which was held on Dec, 12, 2016 at Burtucci’s in Mellville . The spouses were invited to join in after the initial closed session for officers only. This addition was well received and will be planned for 2017 as we;\ll.

**Awards Banquet**

IEEE Long Island Section’s Annual Awards Banquet 2017 was held in Fox Hollow, Long Island, on March 29. On this annual event, the IEEE Long Island Section recognized accomplishments of extraordinary engineers and computer scientists with significant contributions towards the industry, growth of the Long Island Section and the IEEE Region 1. This year we honored six IEEE Region 1 awardees and nine Section awardees across all categories, who continue their excellence in enhancing the technological development of the society.

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The Awards Banquet also recognized the outstanding volunteers of the Section.

**Conferences**

The Section is actively involved in organizing and supporting technical conferences in the region. This year the Section supported the following conferences:

1. MTT Symposium & Exhibits, April 06, 2017
2. Long Island Systems, Applications and Technology Conference, May ,5, 2017

There are a couple of upcoming conferences that the Section is involved to.

1. New York Scientific Data Summit (NYSDS), August 9, 2017
2. International Energy and Sustainability Conference along with Long Island Photoncis Conference , October 20,2017
3. Center for Excellence in Wireless & Information Technology Conference, November 3,4, 2017

**Technical Meetings**

Different Society Chapters of the Section are very active in organizing technical meetings where distinguished experts both from academia and industry give lectures on the state-of-the-art technologies and research and developments.

**Engineers Week**

A successful event in the Section was the Engineers Week Seminar Series held on February 16, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Plainview. It brought together a great group of speakers on different attractive topics that were highly appreciated by the audience.

**Membership Enhancement**

One of the major challenges IEEE has been facing worldwide is the declining memberships. The Long Island Section has formed a task force committee to identify the issues and potential solutions in this regard. It is observed that IEEE is struggling publicizing its activities and benefits to the Members. The employers seem to have no interest in encouraging their Engineers to get involved to IEEE. The Section has had a difficult time over past years in drawing attentions of industries in the region to its technical seminars and conferences, whereas such activities are offered almost free of cost which could enhance their Engineers’ professional expertise significantly. The Section is developing some effective plans to publicize IEEE in a better way and attract the scientific and technological society to IEEE.

**Training for officers and Excom members on Section’s New Website**

The Section formed a sub-committee to redesign its website last year, who successfully completed their work . The sub-committee launched the new website at www.ieee.li. In addition to new graphic look, it has more information and articles than before. It also gives the Society Chapter and Committee officers options to add information related to their group activities.

The two volunteers who lead the developments on the new website, held a formal training session for all officers and society chairs . This training was well attended and was well received. The hope is that all society chairs take the responsibility and maintain their societies webpages