

IEEE Maine Section R10017

Activity Report to the 2018 IEEE Region 1 Board of Governors Meeting

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Introduction

The IEEE Maine Section continues to revitalize its activities with focused efforts on organizational compliance, Section – student entity collaboration, affinity group rejuvenation, and membership/industry engagement.

IEEE Maine Section Operational Units

Maine Section	R10017
Maine Section Affinity Group, YP	GD10117
Maine, University of, Delta Kappa	HKN082
Maine Section Affinity Group, WIE	WE10017
Maine Section Joint Chapter ED15/SSC37	CH01074
Maine Section Joint Chapter C16/COM19	CH01075
Maine Section Joint Chapter PE31/IA34	CH01076
New Hampshire, Green Mountain, Maine Joint Chapter EMB18	CH01217
University of Maine Student Branch	STB00961
University of Southern Maine Student Branch	STB35071
University of Maine Student Branch Chapter PE31	SBC00961A

R10017 Activities:

1. Organizational Compliance

The Section has again this year established a full slate of officers. Financial reporting was completed in a manner to be eligible for the “early filing bonus.” The Section is working with all operational units under its review to a) record all officer positions in the vtools officer reporting application, establish a CBRS bank account, manage finances in NetSuite, and organize/advertise all events using the vtools events manager. The Section 2017 internal audit is in process and is expected to be completed by September 3, 2018; the next Section excom meeting

The Section has an established schedule of monthly executive committee meetings with attendance averaging six participants. These meetings include Webex arrangements for remote participation. L31s are filed for all meetings.

2. Membership/Industry Engagement

The Section created and distributed a member survey during January and February. The results of this member survey are attached as a separate file to this report. The membership committee leader has established a listserv identifying all section members how are eligible for elevation to Senior Member grade and efforts are underway to organize a Senior Member information session. It is anticipated that this session will

connect elevation candidates to potential sponsors, facilitating the elevation process. With respect to industry engagement, meetings have been held with local engineering employers, principally in the power engineering sector, to determine how the local section may be of further value. A very positive response has been received from all industry discussions.

3. Outreach

The Section established the position of outreach committee leader for 2018. Attendance at multiple events has been organized, including the U Maine Undergraduate Research Symposium and the Engineering Week Expo. The Section is actively engaged with the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance, the U Maine 4H STEM outreach office, and individual schools to promote and provide resources for STEM activities.

The Section has launched an IEEE History Milestone project.

Dr. Harold H. Beverage, born October 14, 1893 at North Haven Maine, BSEE University of Maine 1915, inventor of the Beverage antenna, IRE Medal of Honor recipient 1945, served as the engineer in charge of the RCA experimental station at Belfast Maine during the establishment of long wave radiotelephone communications. The Section is arranging to have an IEEE Milestone plaque installed at the location of the former RCA experimental facility (or satisfactory alternate, possibly the Belfast Historical Society museum).

4. Section – Student Entity Collaboration

The Section has taken a very active role in engaging HKN082, STB00961, STB35071, and SBC00961A. Assistance has been provided to ensure that faculty advisors for all student groups are current IEEE members, student group officers are reported in vtools, and student groups are being encouraged to transfer their current University Credit Union accounts to CBRS accounts. All student entities have been requested to submit an end of year activities report to the section. The template for this report is attached as a separate file to this activity report.

STB00961, University of Maine Student branch wishes to be considered as the host for the 2019 Region 1 Student Conference. A proposal for this event is in preparation and will be submitted to the Region 1 SAC before the end of August.

5. Affinity Group Rejuvenation

WIE10017 has identified a sufficient number of WIE members in the section to formally stand up the affinity group local chapter. The group is in the process of recording officers and establishing CBRS bank account control.

Efforts continue to rejuvenate GD10117. The YP committee leader has recently organized and executed a summer event, sponsored by R10017. However, there are still insufficient YP members in the section to formally stand up this affinity group local chapter. Recruiting efforts will continue through the remainder of the year.

Technical Chapter Activities

Technical Chapters CH01074, CH01075 and CH01076 have successfully completed their financial reporting in a manner to receive the early report bonus. All technical chapters have organized events relevant to their technical fields of interest. CH01076 is again planning activities with the focus of again receiving an Outstanding Chapter designation.