**Buffalo Section IEEE – Report to Region 1 Board of Governors Meeting**

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The Buffalo section continues to be an active section with regular executive committee and sectional meetings. In January, the Buffalo Section held a recognition dinner to recognize our volunteers and members who achieved recognition within IEEE. Included in the recognition were several members who achieved IEEE Senior Member status in 2017, current new officers and as several IEEE Region and national awards.

The section is planning to have another Senior Member drive this fall to encourage eligible IEEE members to apply to become Senior Members. This drive also works to bring together members to share their experiences and possible provide recommendations for Senior Membership.

Our section meetings include technical presentations, site tours and other social events. The Buffalo Section attended several events / conferences where we could set up a table which allowed attendees to learn about IEEE. Our events seem to be well attended with favorable feedback from our members.

The executive board started to have our board meetings hosted at Buffalo State Electrical Engineering Facility on a quarterly basis. This is being done to help spread our news around to other student groups instead of just meeting at the University at Buffalo Campus.

IEEE Buffalo Section Events since June 2017, BOG meeting:

The executive board has had 12 monthly board meeting to discuss events and section business.

September 2017 – Area Event: Participated in the engineering tailgate party at the UB football season kickoff game.

October 2017 – Section Meeting: Tour of the Niagara Falls Aerospace museum

February 2018 – Section Meeting: Annual member and officer recognition dinner – social event

March 2018 – Section Meeting: Joint meeting with the Technical Societies Council of Western New York – Talk on Autonomous Vehicles

April 2018 – Section Meeting: Talk on Metamaterials for Microwave Applications

May 2018 – Section Meeting: Talk on Flight Data to Earth

June 2018 – Section Meeting: Tour of SR Instruments Co. – Production of electronic scales for healthcare

August 2018 – Section Meeting: Summer Social