**Berkshire Section Report:** Prepared by Richard Kolodziejczyk, Vice-Chairman March 15, 2019

The IEEE Berkshire Section has held twelve EXCOM meetings in 2018 and three in 2019, one for each month.

The members of the EXCOM are:

Section Chair: Justin Bell

Vice Chair: Richard Kolodziejczyk

Secretary: David Rueger

Treasurer: Roger Manzolini

Power Chapter: David Rueger

Computer and Control Chapter: Richard Kolodziejczyk

Award Chair: George Haus

Membership Chair: George Gela

Education Chair: James McVeigh

PACE Chair: Richard Kolodziejczyk

Consultant Network Chair: Richard Kolodziejczyk

Life Member Affinity Group: Bert Prichard

Newsletter: Richard Kolodziejczyk

Webmaster: Richard Kolodziejczyk

Past Chair: Richard Kolodziejczyk

In addition to the monthly EXCOM meetings, the Berkshire Section has held to date section meeting in 2019:

**National Engineers Week** Dinner Meeting sponsored by the Berkshire Consultants Network

* 2018 Tax and Social Security Considerations by Stephen P. Galib CRPC

A PACE project titled “2019 IEEE Berkshire Section STEM Research Challenge Contest” was submitted to the Region 1 PACE coordinator and was approved.

The Berkshire Section expenses to date are in line with the 2019 Budget.

A financial 2017 audit was performed by Frank Fisher, Past Treasurer, George Haus, Award Chair and James McVeigh, Section Vice-Chair. The records were found to be in good order with all transactions accountable with accompanying copies of appropriate receipts. The 2018 audit is in planning.

**2018 Accomplishments**

In addition to EXCOM meetings, the Berkshire Section has held the following section meetings, as shown below:

**February**

**Berkshire Consultants Network Sponsored the National Engineers Week Dinner Meeting:** American Engineering Jobs by Peter A. Eckstein HKN, 2016 President IEEE-USA

**April**

**Computer and Control Chapter (C&C) Dinner Meeting:** Cryptocurrency by Michael Glaberman

CGC IT Solutions + Genesis10

### May

### Life Member Affinity Group Sponsored Annual Dinner Meeting: 2018 IEEE Berkshire Section STEM Research Challenge, Presentations by Research Challenge Winners

**June**

**Power Chapter Dinner Meeting:** Power Industry Transformation to the Hybrid Grid by Michael I. Henderson

**September**

**Life Member Affinity Group:** Tour of Hancock Shaker Village

**October**

**Berkshire Consultants Network Dinner Meeting:** Balderdash Cellars**®** by Christian and Donna Hanson(the out of place winery)

**November**

**Computer and Control Chapter (C&C) Luncheon Meeting:** Getting Ahead with Lightning Strike Simulation by Patrick DeRoy Computer Simulation Technology (CST) (Recorded Webinar)

**December**

 **Power Chapter Dinner Meeting:** Electric Power System Considerations, Existing Applications, and Future Opportunities for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) by Michael I. Henderson