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Dear colleagues,

April and May have been busy months for our section. Vince Socci spoke about autonomous vehicles at the combined Professional Activities (PACE) and Technology and Engineering Management (TEMS) meeting. Many of our members spoke at the Rochester Engineering Symposium. Jon Kriegel from ASME gave a scintillating talk on the Chandra Telescope.

We will be trying a new experiment starting in July. Instead of meeting at a restaurant, for lunch, we will meet by teleconference. This will have an advantage of participation by everyone as well as dealing with inclement weather. The added advantage will be our ability to integrate our Corning and Alfred members as well as allowing the Syracuse and Buffalo sections to listen in, should they choose to do so. Documenting these meetings will be easier due to the modern tools available for teleconferencing. This will allow our EXCOM members to participate without having to rush in and rush out of restaurants as well as from remote locations, should they be traveling. We can always foster camaraderie and social interactions by meetings face to face, in the evenings, every quarter. There will be more money from our section to foster and subsidize these quarterly interactions.

The expense of subsidizing buffet lunches by IEEE has become untenable as costs of buffets have risen. Buffets provide the variety needed to accommodate various dietary restrictions. Many buffets have gone out of business because they could not sustain low prices. The other alternative would have been to charge individuals, including students, a dollar more in order to help defray expenses.

We had a small group of people who scouted out different alternatives. It soon became apparent that a new venue had to provide adequate parking as well as cater to dietary restrictions and have a location convenient to everyone. This turned out to be a daunting task.

Greg Gdowski is working with the Corning section for the summer outing which will be a visit to Corning, including the glass museum. Stay tuned for more details that will be unveiled soon.

Sreeram Dhurjaty

IEEE Rochester Section EXCOM Meeting

[Our next EXCOM meeting](#) is on June 12th 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! These meetings are open to the general public.

PACE/TEMS Autonomous Vehicles Meeting

Vince Socci, a real-time test business development manager at National Instruments, specializes in safety-critical applications, such as automotive, aerospace, and energy. He outlined practices and tools for proper testing, based on the advanced technologies required for autonomous driving, and the functional safety expectations for driverless vehicles.



Power and Energy/IAS Tour of New RGE Substation

On April 25, 2018, a booked-to-capacity group toured the new RG&E substation. Because of the number of people on the wait list, RG&E has agreed to allow another visit when the substation is complete this summer. If you are on the wait list, watch for the tour announcement!



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IEEE Rochester Section Upcoming Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>
EXCOM Meeting	June 12, 2018	Tandoor of India, 376 Jefferson Road

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