Message from the 2024-2026 Chair, Kelly Robinson

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year!

I am honored to begin my tenure as IEEE Rochester Section Chair. I thank Dr. Eric Brown, our Chair for the last four years, for his fine leadership!

Please allow me to briefly introduce myself. I have been part of the Rochester technical community for more than 40 years, beginning my 25-year career at the Eastman Kodak Company and 15 years with Electrostatic Answers as an engineering consultant for manufacturing companies. I have experienced the very high levels of scientific and engineering practice in Western New York and specifically in the Rochester area. I am excited by the opportunities to serve this vibrant technical community, help celebrate our accomplishments, and work to enable future progress and innovation.

Our IEEE Rochester Section Executive Committee (ExCom) meets monthly to plan events. Our next ExCom meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th from noon to 1 pm. I will distribute an invitation via e-mail (vTools). I invite you to attend our ExCom meeting and help us find new ways to serve our local IEEE members and the Western New York technical community. Please feel free to register for in-person or virtual attendance at our next ExCom meeting at: https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/390420

I look forward to working with you in 2024!

Regards,

Kelly Robinson, PE, PhD
Chair, IEEE Rochester Section

Annual Awards & Recognition Dinner

We held our annual dinner to celebrate and recognize the outstanding work by the Rochester Section volunteers, the RIT and University of Rochester student volunteers and to present a Region 1 award.

Professor Rob Pearson, RIT, Electrical and Microelectronic Engineering was honored with the 2023 IEEE Region 1 Outstanding Teaching Award.

In addition, the outgoing IEEE Rochester Section Chair, Eric Brown, was presented with Laser Etched picture of Rochester by the Region 1 Director and former Section Chair, Greg Gdowski, for his outstanding service to the Section. Mark Schrader spoke briefly about his participation on the RES Scholarship Committee and the Section's ongoing contribution of two $1500 scholarships. Eric Brown then introduced the Incoming Rochester Section Chair, Kelly Robinson, who spoke briefly about his vision for his upcoming term.
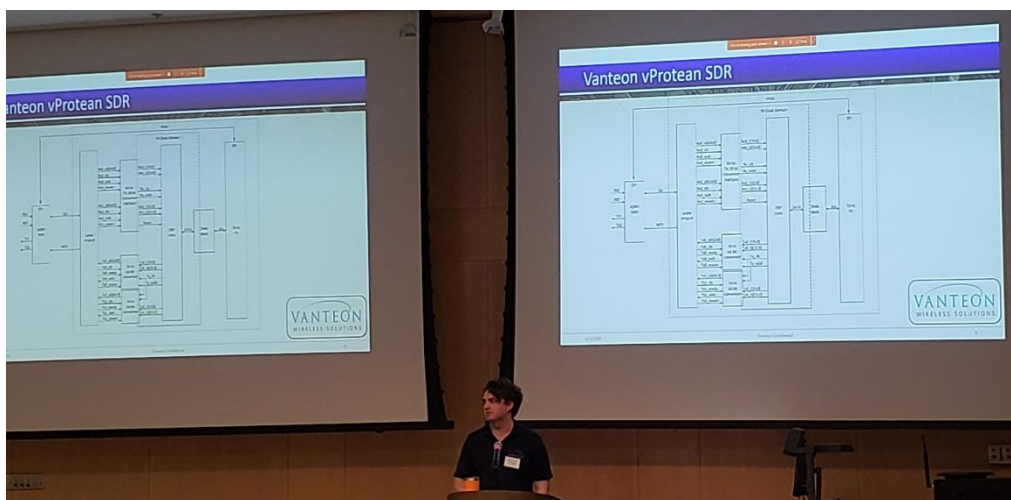
Dr. Eric Brown & Professor Greg Gdowski

Professor Rob Pearson

2023 Western New York Image and Signal Processing Workshop

John Crannell-Ash, of Vanteon Wireless Solutions, during his software-defined-radio (SDR) technology presentation at WNYISPW 2023