



Region 2

South Area Chairman's Fall Report 2005



Introduction

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- **South Area includes three Sections**
 - Northern Virginia Section
 - Washington Section
 - Baltimore Section



Topics of Presentation

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Sections Activities

Budgets: All sections submitted their annual reports to IEEE and received their sections rebates for the year. Sections approved their budgets for 2005 and are within their operating parameters

Awards: The sections have participated in nominating several members for awards of recognition and appreciation at local and Region 2.



Sections Activities

Conferences: The sections are supported several conferences in the local areas including the International RADAR 2005 conference, the GLOBECOM 2007 Conference, the EMC Conference



Sections Activities

Student Branches: Washington (6); NoVa (2); and Baltimore (8). These branches have varying degrees of activities. Several Colleges have been approached to add new branches while others are encouraged to support technical society chapters. Several Universities have asked for special funding of projects at the colleges and universities, such as Solar Power Homes Projects, and SPAC funding.



Sections Activities

IEEEUSA Activities: Many section members are involved in collaboration with the IEEE USA activities groups, such as, Communications and Information Policy Committee; Medical Technology Policy Committee; Employment and Jobs Assistance Committee, as well as the Congressional and Federal Fellows Program



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ABET Activities: Many section members are involved in supporting the colleges and universities with their requirements for professional development outreach liaison, especially with the IEEE.



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Virtual Communities: These section members are heavily involved in the use of the IEEE virtual community services to reach out and communicate with region, section and chapter members, such as the NCA Forum, Region 2 Forum as well as other special interest groups and working collaborations.



Sections Activities

Newsletters: The sections have newsletters; the Washington Section and Northern Virginia sections published the printed SCANNER and now the E-SCANNER for Information and communications with members. The Baltimore Section has their newsletter on line only. Links for these newsletters are included on the sections web pages for member to access. The NCA newsletter has changed significantly during the past year with major improvements and updates including a PDF downloadable newsletter.



Sections Activities

Officers Elections: Ballots for the 2006 elections are out for members' voting in November Elections.

Chapter Support: There are 39 chapters in these sections and 25 of these are active during 2005 calendar year so far. Each month the sections review the chapter activities and communications with their members. The big issue is getting the chapter meeting reports submitted early on the L31 report form.



Sections Activities

PACE Activities: There is a large support for PACE activities; 8 projects were submitted to Region2 for approval in 2005 already. A successful MPAC was held in September jointly by the NoVa and Washington Sections. The Baltimore section is planning an MPAC later this year. The IEEE USA staff helped by making presentations in the MPAC program. The section PACE leaders have been participating at the national IEEE level.



Sections Activities

Affinity Groups: There are four active affinity groups in the Washington and NoVa Sections : Life Members, GOLD, Consultants Network and Women in Engineering (WEI). These groups are active in the three sections and members interest is high with great support and participation in their programs. Most groups are joint between Washington and NoVa sections. Baltimore is planning is planning a Consultants Network group. The sections provide funds for their groups' activities.



Sections Activities

Membership: The three sections' membership have increased slightly . The membership count was 16,139 in January 2005 for the South Area, which is about 47.50 percent of the Region 2 total count. This number count is expected to continue to increase as new membership drives are completed. The number of added members is expected to grow during the remainder of the year. The number of new senior members is increasing toward our goal.



Sections Activities

Officers Training: The sections continue to hold officers training programs early during the year to prepare members for the duties involved in performing their elected position duties. The three sections are jointly taking part in the day long training work shop with a lot of emphasis on communications with members, chapters, sections and the Region 2 staff.



Conclusions

Performance and Outcomes: These sections continually work at meeting their annual goals. They maintain a strong presence among their members and work at achieving their annual goals. They routinely meet with chapter officers and resolve any identified issues quickly. They rally around special projects and muster member support for programs to be successful. They are all high achievers and give members awards to show their appreciation.