Welcoming All Members to Joint MTT-S/AP-S NH Chapter by Don Sherwood, Chair

The New Hampshire Section welcomes Antenna & Propagation Society members to a newly approved Joint MTT-S / AP-S NH Chapter.

Several months ago, the NH Section petitioned IEEE's MGA Board to change the status of the MTT-S NH Chapter to Joint MTT-S / AP-S NH Chapter. The rational for requesting the change to become a joint chapter is based on several compelling factors.

- Both societies share a significant degree of overlapping technologies, operating spectrum and member interest, particularly at the systems level.
- A joint MTT-S / AP-S Chapter provides society benefits to a larger number of New Hampshire Section members. Membership increases from 76 to 103.
- Joint society status allows access to both MTT-S and AP-S Distinguished Lecturer Bureau to include a wider range of expert speakers and topics in the planning process.
- The increased membership base opens opportunities for individuals with interest to become involved in chapter and section leadership positions.

I'm very pleased that the petition for a Joint MTT-S / AP-S NH Chapter has been recently approved by both society presidents and the MGA board. I look forward to meeting our new AP members, along with current MTT members, at upcoming meetings and invite their participation in the planning process for future meetings.

It is with sadness that I mention the recent passing of Thomas Brazil, President of the IEEE MTT Society. I did not know Prof Brazil, but my thought and prayers are with his family in their time of bereavement.

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