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EDITOR'S CORNER

This is a joint edition of our March and April monthly Newsletter. There are several reasons for the change this month and one of these reasons is the need to reduce the regularity of our mails at a period when we expect to be sending a lot of information to you.

In the past month, we have been able to narrow down our choices of GOLD executive members to a handful of volunteers and will be announcing the new executives by the middle of May.

I was at the Last PACE (Professional Activities Committee) Leadership workshop, an IEEE-USA sponsored event in Atlanta, Georgia last weekend and had a close peek at the inner workings of the IEEE leadership. The excitement in the whole process for me was the eagerness of the IEEE leadership to ensure that younger IEEE members are equipped to lead the IEEE into the future and the amount of free resources available to IEEE members.

Of course, I had nice time in Atlanta, excellent company (ok, there were younger folks there, several GOLD representatives), excellent food, great view from my hotel room (I had a room overlooking the beautiful Sheraton pool garden) and yeah, I saw a little of Atlanta while I was there.

The highlight of the event for me was the GOLD meeting at the end of the whole proceeding on Sunday morning, where GOLD specific agenda were tabled and various suggestions raised about how to make the IEEE GOLD affinity program more relevant to us, and as in various other sessions of the workshop, the issues of unemployment and IEEE membership cost and benefits were also raised. At an earlier session, two of the IEEE presidential candidates highlighted their platforms and an important feature of their platforms was the value of membership and how to improve the benefits of membership. Each had a different perspective to the issues but both agreed that membership need to yield more value.

The proceedings of the PACE leadership workshop can not fit into one newsletter and in the coming months, some of the issues discussed at the conference will be broadened in this newsletter and we welcome your opinion on these issues.

As earlier planed, we will be touring the National Cryptology Museum on the first Saturday of April. Russ Harrison, the IEEE-USA legislative representative for grass root affairs has graciously agreed to hold an hour-long seminar on legislative issues and EE carriers. Russ is a very resourceful legislative contact for the IEEE-USA and is responsible for articulating much of the IEEE-USA position on job of-shoring, job outsourcing, HI and LI Visa and related matters.

We encourage you to join us at these events and also join us in making the Baltimore GOLD more relevant and useful to you

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1. Tour of the National Cryptological Museum [IEEE GOLD Affinity Group: Baltimore Section](#)
2. The [next meeting](#) of the Baltimore [GOLD](#) is on Monday, April 5th, 2004 at the HEM
3. "Your Representative and Your Career in an Election Year: " A Seminar by Russ Harrison on Thursday April 15, 2004. We will contact you with more information in the coming week.

MEMBERS OPINION

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IEEE USA Salary Calculator: <http://www.ieeeusa.org/careers/salary/default.asp>

IEEE Job Site: <http://careers.ieee.org/texis/jobseeker/> need IEEE Alias.

IEEE Virtual Community on Employment <https://www.ieeecommunities.org/ecs>

Career Assessment Tools: <http://www.assessment.com/>

Maryland Career Network: <http://www.careernet.state.md.us/>

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IEEE Virtual Community: <http://www.ieee.org/organizations/eab/vc/>
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