

**December 2001**

### December Meeting Cancelled

Plans for December did not materialize in time to arrange our usual monthly Section meeting, so a meeting for December was cancelled. Watch for the January newsletter for the next Section Meeting news.

### **Important this month**

Use the ballot on page two of this newsletter to nominate and vote for Section officers and other volunteers. The present set of officers will be meeting in the next month to plan 2002 activities and to finish the election process.

The Consultants' Network Affinity Group (CN) is up and running and is one of our more active groups right now. See the news below on plans for a local Consultants' Directory. Also refer to the last page of the newsletter for CN news from last month.

### **Consultants' Network Directory**

The Susquehanna Consultants' Network (CN) is planning to create a new Web-Based Directory. The planned local CN Directory will be cross-linked with the IEEE CN website and possibly with our own IEEE website. The advantage to you as a consultant is the presence of your listing in well-recognized and respected locations. There will be no charge for listing in the local CN directory. For membership and listing, send the following information to Stan Telson at [st@qspp.com](mailto:st@qspp.com):

- All contact information you would like listed, including a link to your own website, etc.
- A brief (one paragraph) description of your consulting business.
- A brief bio of the principal consultant.
- A brief summary of the kinds of work you are looking to do, and any specific requirements or needs, e.g.,

geographical interests or restrictions.

Note that to be involved with our CN you don't have to be a full-time consultant. Join if you are a full or part-time consultant, an employee of a consulting company or might want to do consulting at some point in your career.

Current plans are for the local CN directory to be hosted and maintained by QSPP Group. Final plans are subject to final approval by the Susquehanna Section officer group. If you have any questions, contact Stan Telson at the addresses shown on the Committee page.

### **2002 Tentative Schedule of Events**

Tuesday, January 8

February, date TBA

*Topic: Engineering Week Banquet  
Joint meeting with PSPE*

Tuesday, March 12

Tuesday, April 9

Tuesday, May 14

Generally no meetings in June, July & August

Tuesday, September 10

Tuesday, October 15

Tuesday, November 12

Tuesday, December 10

### **IEEE Logo**

Beginning with this issue we are using the new IEEE Master Brand logo on the front page of our Newsletter. The "Kite" symbol is the same and is now accompanied by the bold IEEE letters. The logo was designed by IEEE to enhance the image of the organization. Does anyone remember who designed The Printed Circuit logo and how it got started? If you do, let me know (Ed Simoncek, editor – addresses on back page).

Counties Served: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, and York.

### Time for Membership Renewal

You should have received your annual membership renewal package from IEEE back in October 2001. If you have not renewed yet, please take the time to send in your renewal for 2002 and keep your membership current. You can renew online at <[www.ieee.org/renewal](http://www.ieee.org/renewal)>. When you renew online, you will have to register for an IEEE Web Account, but this has benefits of being able to order IEEE publications, books and other materials. You will also need your member number and PIN that was included in your member renewal kit. If you have lost your kit, you might contact IEEE Member Services at 1-800-678-IEEE. If you have not done so recently, you should visit the IEEE Home Page at <[www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org)> to see what is going on within IEEE.

### Susquehanna Section Officers Ballot for 2001

The annual ballot for Section officers is shown below with the slate of officers nominated to date. Additional nominees are welcome and to save time, be sure that the proposed nominee agrees to serve. Also, many of the other Section positions as shown on the bottom of the Committee page of the Newsletter can be considered. Most members are open to moving jobs around and introducing new volunteers to our group. None of the jobs are that difficult nor do they take that much time. The success of the Section depends upon member active participation. If you are interested, make your interest known to Tim Osborne or any of the other current officers.

Please make your selections and mail, email, or fax for receipt **BY December 18** to:

Tim Osborne  
Phone: (717) 846-2214, Ext. 3409  
Fax: (717) 854-8161  
Email: [tosborne.ieee.org](mailto:tosborne.ieee.org)

## ***IEEE Susquehanna Section Officers Ballot for 2002***

***We need some volunteers to help us out! If you would like some information on what is required for each of the offices, please contact Tim Osborne.***

### Election Ballot

**Chair:**

Proposed: Tim Osborne

Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice Chair and Program Chair:**

Proposed:

Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:**

Proposed: Mike Woodford

Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:**

Proposed: Ed Simoncek

Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

# News from the Committees

## Consultants' Network Formed

A Consultants' Network (CN) was formed as an officially sanctioned IEEE Affinity Group within the Susquehanna Section of IEEE. As we heard from November's dinner meeting speaker, Dr. Gary Blank, "Consultants" that might be interested in the CN tend to fall into three categories: (1) regular employees of consulting companies, (2) full or part time consultants, and (3) those with some potential interest in moving into Consulting at some point in their career. A key reason to join the local CN is the opportunity to "network" with others in the area. Local CNs can sponsor local activities and meetings, create WEB directories and more. To get an idea of the range of this activity, visit the following web site:

[www.ieeeusa.org/business/network.aicn.html](http://www.ieeeusa.org/business/network.aicn.html)

The IEEE runs a national web-based directory for Consultants. See:

[www.ieeeusa.org/consultants](http://www.ieeeusa.org/consultants)

We have a local email discussion list as well. You can sign on at:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ieee\\_susq\\_cn](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ieee_susq_cn)

If you have any questions, visit the discussion site above or contact Affinity Group leader, Stan Telson at 717-569-6579 or at [st@qspp.com](mailto:st@qspp.com).

## National Engineers' Week

National Engineers' Week is scheduled for February 17 to 23, 2002, and locally is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Engineers Week Council. Bob Klinger from our Section will be setting up an Engineers' Week display at the Colonial Park Mall. If you would like to help out or get involved, let us know and we can place you in touch with Bob.

## Webzines

TODAY'S ENGINEER is a career-oriented webzine, offering feature articles with career guidance, tips, strategies and solutions for all sectors of the industry. For example, this month includes an article on Telecommuting. POLICY PERSPECTIVES is IEEE-USA's monthly policy-oriented webzine, offering articles and commentary on the topics that are shaping legislation, the technology workplace and the engineering world. Amongst this month's edition is an article on Capitol Shavings: The US Energy Package: Many Issues, Many Opinions.

Visit at: [www.todaysengineer.org](http://www.todaysengineer.org)

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### Q/A-C Column

Do you have any questions or comments? Call, email or FAX it to Alex Avitabile at the above addresses.

### Newsletter Mailing or WEB Page Notification

If you do not receive your Newsletter, please notify AB Shafeei <[m.shafeei@ieee.org](mailto:m.shafeei@ieee.org)> or Ed Simoncek. If you would like to convert from paper copy mailing of the Newsletter to WEB page delivery, please notify Webmaster David Sarraf.

### Address Changes and Updates

There are several ways to correct member information with IEEE. They update their directory from the information you provide, and pass the changes to us monthly. Keeping your address information up to date will ensure accurate mailings.

- There is a WEB based interactive "change of address" form at:  
<http://services1.ieee.org/membersvc/coa/intro.htm>
- You can send an email to: [address-changes@ieee.org](mailto:address-changes@ieee.org)
- Call IEEE Member Services at 1-800-678-IEEE
- Mail changes to  
IEEE  
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P.O. Box 1331  
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- FAX changes to 1-732-981-9667

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