



The Open Channel

Newsletter for the Hampton Roads Section

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

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October Meeting

"Deregulation in Virginia"

Speaker: Wayne Williamson
Manager, Community and Government Affairs
Virginia Power

Date: Thursday, October 28, 1999

Location: Sammy & Nicks

2718 Mercury Blvd.

Hampton, Virginia

Schedule: 6:00 p.m. - Administrative Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Social

7:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Speaker

Price: Member - \$15.00

Student - \$7.50

Guest - \$15.00

Directions: Take I-64 to Mercury Blvd. (from the south side, go through the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel), Exit westbound on to Mercury Blvd., and travel approximately 1.5 miles. Sammy and Nick's is on the right.

Meeting Highlights: This month, we present a topic on upcoming legislative action that is sure to affect all checkbook balances in the near future. If you own or lease a home or business, you pay for the electrical power consumed by all those electrical and electronic gadgets that make our daily lives 'easier.' Virginia's timetable for deregulation, results of pilot deregulation programs, benefits to individual consumers, and the new structure of Virginia Power will be presented.

From the Chair

Mr. Wayne Williamson from Virginia Power will present October's topic on power deregulation on the 28th at Sammy & Nick's. I do not anticipate that Mr. Williamson's presentation will contain a significant amount of technical information. Therefore, I would like to open the meeting to spouses and engineers from other disciplines.

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Is there a topic that the Hampton Roads Section executive committee (EXCOM) has not presented that would incite you enough to attend a section meeting? Do you have a topic that you would like to present? Between the research, academics, and industry communities, there are many topics from which to choose. This month, the EXCOM begins planning meetings for February - May 2000. I invite the Hampton Roads membership to forward topic ideas to the EXCOM at [officers-r3-hamptonroads\(at\)ieee.org](mailto:officers-r3-hamptonroads(at)ieee.org)).

William LaBelle

IEEE Annual Election

The 1999 IEEE Annual Election is underway! The candidates for 2000 president-elect are Ray Findlay, Lloyd Morley, Edward A. Parrish and Joel Snyder. The balloting period is from September 1, 1999 until noon on November 1, 1999. Only signed ballots that are received in sealed envelopes will be valid and counted in the election. For more info, contact Angela Wyckoff, IEEE Corporate Activities, at (732) 562-3934 or [a.wyckoff\(at\)ieee.org](mailto:a.wyckoff(at)ieee.org). Additional details about the candidates can be found on the web at www.ieee.org/organizations/corporate/candidates.htm.

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Tell Us About Your Local Engineering Events

Are you organizing or sponsoring a local event of interest to the engineering community? Let us know! Contact chapter president William La Belle (w.labelle@ieee.org) or newsletter editor Sonja Ebron (SEbron@ieee.org) to have your event announced in upcoming editions of Open Channel. With distribution to over 1000 local IEEE members each month, you can't afford to ignore this free resource.

Symposia and Conferences

The 25th JSDE (Joint Services Data Exchange) Symposium, a conference on Military Navigation, is being held November 15-19, 1999 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel at 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA. The symposium is being held in conjunction with the GPS Users' conference and the embedded GPS/INS (EGI) Users conference. It will highlight navigation instrument and system developments as well as present status and utility of the GPS and EGI systems in military operations. There will be also be classified sessions held at the Oceana NAS. Details and registration procedures can be found at the JSDE website, <http://jsde.spawar.navy.mil/jsde>. Please contact Herb Schoenfeld, JSDE Secretary/Treasurer, at Herbsch@aol.com, for additional information.

1999 Frontiers in Education (FIE) Conference, November 10-13, Candado Plaza Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Visit the FIE website at <http://fairway.ecn.purdue.edu/~fie/fie99/>.

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