



The Open Channel

Newsletter for the Hampton Roads Section

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

February 2000

February Meeting

"Virginia's Electronics Industry Roadmap"

Speaker: Nancy Vorona, Industry Director

Advanced Materials and Electronics

Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2000

Location: Sammy & Nick's

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 onto Mercury Blvd., and travel approximately 1.5 miles. Sammy and Nick's is on the right.

Meeting Highlights: You are invited to be a part of the Virginia electronics industry's vision: "To be a globally recognized leader in the electronics industry with an infrastructure that supports growth and continuously improves the quality of life in the Commonwealth." This vision is the cornerstone for the strategic plan developed in 1999 by Virginia's electronics industry. An outline of the plan's goals, barriers to growth, and recommended actions will be presented. In addition, the size and scope of the electronics industry in Virginia and, in particular, the Hampton Roads area, will be discussed. The audience will be invited to discuss and participate in implementation of the strategic plan.

From the Chair

The Annual Student Paper Contest was held at Old Dominion University on

January 27th. The presentations by students from Old Dominion University and Hampton University were outstanding this year. This made it difficult for judges to select the three best. The winners this year: first place - Mr. Ron Bentley, "Measuring Temperature and Strain with Fiber Bragg Gratings; second place - Mr. David Lockwood, "Halogen Occultation Experiment on the Space Station (HALOESS); and third place - Mr. Mark Jones and Mr. Jim Barrington, "Java Virtual Machine Design."

The positions of Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor are all open for nominations. Michael McBeth (m.s.mcbeth(at)ieee.org) and Herb Turkett (htturk@juno.com) will accept nominations from the membership beginning this month. At this month's meeting the officers will be installed, so get those nominations in.

Old Dominion University will have their annual Open House on February 18th and 19th. Open House at Hampton University is scheduled for February 24th. Check your local newspaper for the dates and times for the various activities and exhibit showings.

The Peninsula Engineers Council will be holding their annual Engineer of the Year on February 26th at the Omni Hotel in Newport News. Contact me for tickets and information if you are interested in attending (757-421-8715, 757-468-5172, 757-686-2237, w.labelle(at)ieee.org).

Is there a topic that would excite 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. I invite the membership to forward topic ideas to the EXCOM (officers-r3-hamptonroads(at)ieee.org).

William LaBelle

1999 Section Officers

Chair: William LaBelle (w.labelle(at)ieee.org)
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Nominations for EXCOM

It's time again to elect Section Officers for the Hampton Roads IEEE Section. The executive committee (EXCOM) is responsible for coordinating monthly meetings, interacting with regional and national IEEE leadership and other engineering societies, and ensuring the continued growth of our section. If you know someone who has the required interests and abilities, please submit nominations to Michael McBeth (m.s.mcbeth(at)ieee.org) or Herb Turkett (htturk@juno.com) as soon as possible. Self-nominations for any of the positions are also invited.

IEEE Online Store and Catalog

For the first time, the IEEE's wide range of products are available for purchase on the Web. The new IEEE Online Store & Catalog opened for business on 28 Dec 1999 at <http://www.ieee.org/ieeestore>. It provides the definitive catalog of IEEE products including books, conference proceedings, subscriptions, standards, mixed-media products and merchandise. User-friendly and fully searchable, the service allows shoppers to make secure credit card transactions. Added features include shopping lists and a help desk. The store uses software that has been proven successful for many well-known Internet retailers [such as Barnes &

Noble, Dell, Eddie Bauer, and Office Depot.]

Symposia and Conferences

February 23-24 Career Day, NASA

20-26 Engineering Week

26 Engineer of the Year Banquet, Omni Hotel, Newport News

For further information on these events contact William LaBelle at (w.labelle(at)ieee.org) or (757) 421-8715. Tickets for the Peninsula Engineers Council Engineer of the Year Banquet are also available from him.

SouthEastCon 2000 is scheduled for April 7th - 10th in Nashville, TN. For more information, contact Professor George E. Cook at Vanderbilt University, (615) 343-5032 or george.e.cook@vanderbilt.edu

Southcon 2000 is scheduled for May 23rd - 25th in Orlando, FL. For more information, contact Danielle Catapano in the IEEE Conference Management department at (735) 562-5599 or d.catapano(at)ieee.org

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