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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Mark Stokes

Welcome to the Piedmont potential for 1999. For a short while, I have been trying to come up with something to chat about for my first attempt at a letter from the chair. I remember a couple of years ago when Glenn talked about his experience at a Southeast Con. I'm afraid I don't have any stories nearly as amazing to tell about my experience in the IEEE. However, I have had my success because of it.

Since I am now filling the role of chairman, I can use this space to try to get more meat for the newsletter. The newsletter of many other sections has many articles on interesting topics written by members. I am constantly trying to find articles to include here in the newsletter. If you have an interesting story about how the IEEE has helped you, please send me a copy of a short blurb. Maybe all of us can benefit from the information you have.

There are many interesting and useful programs available to the IEEE members that most of us have no knowledge. Some of the programs, such as the job service, are quite useful in these times of constant job changes. Over the coming months, I will try to present many of the opportunities and programs offered to us by the IEEE.

One last thing I will mention, is the need for ideas for topics of discussion at our meetings. Many great topics have been discussed in the past, and I'm sure there are thousands of things that our members are interested in learning more about. Especially when the meetings are free! So, if you have a topic you are interested in learning more about, please let one of the officers know. Steven Bobo, our new Vice-Chair, will be happy to find an expert to come in and talk about whatever topics you are interested.

Next Meeting

January 22, 1997

Student Presentation Contest

Mark Stokes

In the January meeting we will hear from a few students who have papers to submit into our annual student paper contest. Winners from our section will go to the regional competition to represent the Piedmont section. Please come and support our students in their research.

The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn on Highway 123 in Clemson on Thursday, January 28, 1998. Dinner will be served

6:30-7:00 Social ½ Hour

7:00-7:30 Dinner

7:30-9:00 Presentation

The cost is \$8.00 for members and guests and \$4.00 for students. For reservations please contact Sally Surver or one of the officers by Tuesday, January 26, 1998. Sally can be reached at: 864.656.7693 or by email: sally.surver@eng.clemson.edu.

From the Editor

Mark Stokes

I have decided that with all of the problems of the newsletter being delivered late, I am going to bump the deadline date for the newsletter up to the first week of the month in which it is to be published. I hope to push this date up even further in the coming months.

Over the past couple of months, I have been trying to get a current newsletter email list for our section. This is a bit difficult since the database program provided by IEEE doesn't tell me the changes to the database (which is updated each month), it just changes them. Anyway, I hope that many of you (about 200) have received the newsletter via email. Your email address is now part of the IEEE database. Please try to remember to call IEEE (or visit their web site) any time you change your email address (of course also for any of your personal information as well). This will save the over 30 undeliverable mail messages I receive each time I send out a newsletter.

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- • USPS
- • E-mail
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-Mark