

VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN SECTION

January 12, 2002

Report to Virginia Council

During the summer the section Executive Committee met and planned the meeting programs for the next year. Although the officers serve on a calendar year basis the programs are planned on an academic year. Generally the executive committee meets each month immediately preceding the Section dinner meeting.

The September Section meeting was our second joint meeting with the Blue Ridge Section of the American Chemical Society. Attendance was very good as spouses were also invited to hear Dr. Michael R. von Spakovsky of Va Tech speak on Fuel Cells. Our October speaker was unable to attend but Dr. Louis Guido, Va Tech, stepped into the breach and gave an excellent presentation on LEDs. This was a joint meeting with our MTT/ED Society chapter. In November Dr. Ted Rappaport spoke to a joint Section Computer/Control Systems/Industrial Electronics chapter meeting on Trends in Wireless Communications. We were fortunate to have him speak before he left for a new position in Texas. Our January meeting will be the presentation of six papers by students, three from Virginia Tech and three from VMI. Future programs are planned for February, March, and April with a plant tour scheduled for May. Student attendance from VA Tech is not particularly good, but VMI is generally well represented, and Virginia Western Community College usually has one or two students attending the Section meetings.

Since last June the Section added 31 new members, each of whom received letters of welcome from the Section Chair and were recognized in the VMS Newsletter. Additionally two members were elevated to Senior Member grade. Several others have applications in process.

The annual election was held in November with new officers taking office on January 1, 2002. Attached is a copy of this year's officers. Thanks to Dan Jackson who chaired the Nominating and the Tellers Committee and to Dave Kingma and Heath Kouns who served on the Tellers Committee. A total of 63 votes were cast, a 40 percent increase over last year, and 14.7 percent of the voting membership. In 2002 we will be reactivating the Industrial Applications Society chapter which has been dormant for several years. We anticipate starting a new chapter of LEOS this year. However, we will be losing the Power Engineering Society chapter. AEP no longer has engineering located in the VMS area.

2002 Officers

Chair - Howard Moses

Vice Chair – Mark Shepard

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Junior Past Chair – Dave Kingma

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David Livingston William Tranter

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Chapter Chairs

Industry Applications – Cy Harbourt

Microwave Theory & Techniques/Electron Devices – Dain Miller

Computer/Control Systems/Industrial Electronics – Dave Geer

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