



Virginia Council
Communications Committee
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1. **SPAM reduction.** You can now filter Unsolicited Commercial Email (“UCE”), know by many as Spam from your IEEE alias. Simply go to <http://uce.ieee.org> and sign in with your IEEE Web account. The UCE/Spam Filtering Service for the IEEE Member Email Alias Service provides a mechanism to manage the amount of Unsolicited Commercial Email (“UCE”) sent to your IEEE Email Alias for so long as you retain your IEEE membership. This service is offered free of charge. Need an IEEE Email Alias or Web Account? Links to activate both options are available on this site.
2. **Newsletter Production Project.** Currently each section has “contracted out” their email production. Based on a poll of the sections, this project no longer serves a purpose.
3. **Automated Electronic Newsletter Service.** Central Virginia has begun using this service and found it satisfactory. Sections should note that they will not get notification of their bounces and drops unless they ask for it. For more information or to register visit: <http://www.ieee.org/e-notice>.
4. **Proposed Council Roster Format.** A poll of the council agreed to continue with the current format.
5. **Twiki.** Council members are encouraged to get Twiki accounts to allow them to actively participate in agenda development. The Twiki main URL is <http://ie3col.eng.uab.edu/twiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome>. This link includes user registration and The Sandbox where users can practice without fear of messing up their real work.
6. **Media Contacts.** The Virginia Council web site (<http://ewh.ieee.org/r3/vc/comms/main.html>) has contact information for each of the major newspapers across the state. Please review the data on your local newspaper and provide any additional information or corrections. This information is useful to adjacent sections and will be extremely helpful when SoutheastCon publicity gets underway.
7. **Communications Points of Contact.** The information in SAMieee will be used to update our all points of contact on the Council website (<http://ewh.ieee.org/r3/vc/POC.html>).
8. **IRC Training.** The primary need for training seems to be configuration and firewall detection. These are specific to each user’s configuration and are not easily generalized. A poll of the council confirmed that what we really want is voice conferencing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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