



IEEE Boise Section Newsletter November 2000

Upcoming Events:

December 5 - Annual Awards Banquet, Cosponsored by IEEE, EDS and SWE.

Time: 7pm

Location: BSU Student Union Building

Speaker: **Ward Parkinson.** Mr. Parkinson is a founder and former chairman of Micron (1978-1986). He has worked at Inmos, Mostek, Motorola, Reticon (a subsidiary of Intel), and Fairchild. Currently he is a lawyer specializing in patent and intellectual property law, where he has served as an expert witness for Micron and Intel in patent suits. Mr. Parkinson holds numerous patents himself. He is also co-founder and currently an advisor and director for Ovonyx.

Cost: \$7.50 per person. Guests invited.

Menu: Chicken Picatta or Vegetarian option, parslid potatoes, green salad and carrot cake or German chocolate cake for dessert.

We hope you will join us. **Please RSVP to Elisa by December 1st.**

Winter/Spring – The IEEE and EDS will be sponsoring technical talks in the winter & spring.

No detailed schedule is available at this time. Check the webpage for information.

Recent Events:

The picnic on 8 September 2000 was a big success. Over 70 people, including spouses and children, were present. Everyone said they had a great time. We'd like to extend a big thank you to the BSU student branch for coordinating and running the barbecue.

The weekend of 29-30 September the Boise section hosted the meeting of the officers from the IEEE North-East Region 6 and the Region 6 activity chairs. For many of our out-of-town guests this was their first visit to Idaho and they were amazed to see what a nice place it is. Students from BSU, University of Utah and BYU attended part of the meeting, then broke off for a student leadership workshop. All reports indicated they thought it was worth their time to attend.

Chapter & Branch News:

Electron Device Society Chapter: The Boise EDS plans to hold a couple of technical talks this spring. More information will be posted to the Boise IEEE website as it is available.

Power Society Chapter:

We don't have a Power Society chapter yet, but Said Ahmed-Zaid is trying to organize one. It will be a joint chapter of Power Electronics and Power Engineering Societies. If your technical field is Power, please contact him (426-4073, SAhmedZaid@boisestate.edu). 12 signatures are

needed from members of these two societies and the chapter needs to hold at least 2 meetings (technical talks, workshops or seminars) a year once established. If you are interested in Power but aren't a society member, consider joining. Power Electronics costs \$5 per year, and Power Engineering costs \$22 per year. The local chapter is funded by part of the Society dues.

Computer Society Chapter:

We are looking for people interested in forming an IEEE Computer Society Chapter in Boise. The Computer Society is the largest technical society within IEEE. Why should you want to form and join a Computer Society Chapter? Chapters provide the opportunity for Societies and their members to network at a local level. Chapter activities may include guest speakers, workshops, and seminars. Get more from your membership. Contact Joe Hartman (joehartman@ieee.org, 426-5714) if you are interested.

BSU Student IEEE Branch: The BSU EE club is very pleased to have earned its charter from the IEEE. It has 36 student members of IEEE as of September. Three students took part in the leadership training during the North East Region 6 IEEE meeting, and two will be attending a Region 6 student meeting in Salt Lake City on November 18th.

GOLD Affinity Group:

Hi everyone. My name is Randy Wolff. I recently moved to Boise and joined this IEEE section after graduating from Montana State University last December. Elisa asked me if I would head up an IEEE GOLD group, so here I am. What is IEEE GOLD? Well, GOLD stands for Graduates Of the Last Decade. This is supposed to be a group to organize and promote activities for the newer members of IEEE. After doing some research, I've found a few things that other GOLD groups have done. These include: 1) social events such as happy hour, ball games, and picnics, 2) professional activities like workshops on leadership training, time and financial management, 3) educational activities such as exam study groups, home repair and home buying classes. It sounds to me like there are a lot of things that a GOLD group could do. Does any of this sound like fun to you? Do you have any ideas for GOLD activities? Is the sky blue? If you even thought about answering "yes" to any of these questions, then you are ready to be an IEEE GOLD participant. The GOLD group will get money in its coffers just for starting up, so planning activities will be that much easier. If you would like to help me out, please contact me by phone at 363-1764 or by email at rrwolff@micron.com. Otherwise, see you all at the banquet.

News & Notes:

Webpage:

The Boise Section now has a webpage:

<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r6/boise>

Take a look. Comments, suggestions and volunteers to add to it and maintain it are needed. Contact Elisa.

E-mail:

If you haven't been receiving the newsletter electronically, check that the IEEE Headquarters has your current and correct email address. Email and postal addresses can be updated online at <http://services1.ieee.org/membersvc/coa/intro.htm>. Because the newsletters are mailed bulk rate, the postal service has up to 2 weeks to deliver them. We will try to send the newsletters out early

enough to account for this, but if you want your newsletter sooner, make sure we have your email address.

What do you want from the Boise section?

If you are receiving this newsletter, you are aware that some of your IEEE dues goes to the Boise section (such as to pay for this letter). What else do you want for your money? Let your officers know. You just might get it.

Member Lunches:

Gailen Soule would like to restart the tradition of member lunches. At the time this newsletter went to press, no date or time for the first lunch was set, but keep an eye on the Boise IEEE webpage for notices of when one will occur. If you are interested, you can call Gailen at 343-1260 to help pick a date and a location. The Boise section used to have these lunches and they were quite popular at that time.

Did you know that ...

- Our section has 714 members.
- Many IEEE members are eligible to become Senior Members and don't make the effort to do so. You need 10 years as an engineer, with 5 or more containing "significant performance". Substantial job responsibilities such as team leader, task supervisor, engineer in charge of a program or project, engineer or scientist performing research with some measure of success (papers), or faculty developing and teaching courses with research and publications, all are indications of significant performance. For more details, see <http://www.ieee.org/membership/upgrade.html>.

Report from NE Region 6 Meeting

- PACE (Professional Activity Conference) Report: encourages each section to hold professional development talks. Region 6 has money to support projects related to introducing engineering into the grade schools. If anyone wants to head up a project like this, contact Elisa.
- Larry Hammerman, director elect region 6, spoke on a topic of great importance to him: increasing membership in IEEE. This will happen when the IEEE membership provides great enough value to be worth the dues cost. He asks:

- Should the IEEE make available to members (only) multimedia conference proceedings? Via the web?
- Should the IEEE publish current "how to" articles? Will employers permit/encourage this? Will this compete with commercial specialty pubs or app notes?
- Should the IEEE enable and/or encourage member networking with experts?
- Should the IEEE make educational materials which are available only to members?
- What kind of training courses and materials would be of most benefit to members, technical, professional, managerial, business? Should such courses be restricted to IEEE members only?
- Should members receive IEEE publications significantly earlier than non-members and libraries?

If you have an opinion, send Elisa a note and she'll report back when she attends the Region 6 sections conference in February.

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