



**Montana Section News  
January, 2003**

**Chairman's Corner  
Jim Smith**

The Montana Section of IEEE will be starting the new year this month with a non-technical meeting on leadership. We have invited a motivational speaker, Tom Tursich, who will be giving a talk entitled "The Call of the Leader", a commentary on leadership techniques that is valued in the workplace and in our personal lives. Dr. Tursich brings 33 years of experience from running his own small business as a dentist. He states, "Sometimes rapid change can be stressful, unexpected and challenging, while on the other hand it can be exhilarating, exciting, opening new avenues of opportunities and solutions. His presentations are upbeat, high energy, and will stimulate you to think at our meeting this Thursday Jan 30.

We will also be holding IEEE elections to elect new officers for the Montana Section. You will be receiving a ballot in the mail sometime soon. Anyone interested in volunteering for a position should contact Jim Smith at [jrsmith@ieee.org](mailto:jrsmith@ieee.org) (585-7403) or Jon Koon at [jon.koon@aedinc.net](mailto:jon.koon@aedinc.net) (585-8892), or Bill Jameson at [jamesonwj@aol.com](mailto:jamesonwj@aol.com).

**Program Chair**

Want a job? We're still looking for a new Program Chair! Pay is non-existent, but it's lots of fun! Call Jon Koon.

**IEEE FOUNDATION NEWS, AWARDS AND PROPOSALS**

The IEEE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the IEEE, has awarded grants in 2002 to a variety of projects. For example, the IEEE Foundation Board of Directors selected to support at its November 2002 meeting projects with goals that capitalize on the natural curiosity children have for science and technology; that generate ideas to improve university educational programs in South-Eastern Europe; that educate the public about the many contributions engineers make to our everyday lives. To view a full list of the grants awarded to date in 2002 please visit us on the web at <http://www.ieee.org/organizations/foundation/html/2002grants.html>.

If you have a project which you would like to present for a possible grant in 2003, please note the following deadlines: For consideration at the Foundation's June meeting, abstracts are due 14 March 2003 and proposals by 25 April 2003. For consideration in November, abstracts are due by 15 August 2003 and proposals by 26 September 2003.

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**Don't Forget: January Montana Section Meeting  
January 30, 6:00 p.m. at the Northwestern Energy Service Center, 121 E. Griffin Drive. Free pizza & pop  
Please call Sharon at 994-2505 (or e-mail: [sharona@ece.montana.edu](mailto:sharona@ece.montana.edu)) to make reservations by noon, Thursday, January 30.**