

NC-Council Meeting, March 5, 2005.

Eastern NC Section Report

- Thomas Jepsen
 - 2004 BioTech Conference wrap-up.
 - 2005 BioTech Conference planning.
- Section Chair change. Lots of planning activities.
 - Handoff meeting with past Section Chair.
 - Coordination with Newsletter Editor.
 - Planning meeting held with Elected Officers.
 - Planning meeting held with Chapter Chairs.
 - Planning meeting held with Job-Search volunteers. This committee is experiencing a bit of an identity crisis. With the economy improving, attendance is waning. They are going to look into 're-branding' as something of a Career-Development group. Try to get better mix of employed as well as unemployed members.
- Section L-50 report submitted on time.
- Last year's goal of getting expensed at or less than income was successful.
- Mentoring future Section-Leadership.
 - I've been keeping my attention to providing the next 'generation' leaders exposure to IEEE volunteer operations inside and outside the Section. Towards that goal, several of the elected officers will be attending SECon and SC'05. Familiarity makes the eventual assumption of Section Chair easier.
- Meeting activities:
 - January was difficult due to weather – meetings were cancelled.
 - February:
 - Section meeting on Tax issues for 2004 tax-year. Attendance was on the order of 6 or 7 people.
 - March:
 - EMC Chapter hosts EMC-Society buffet dinner.
 - ComSoc Chapter / Section / Embedded-Systems SIG meeting on Zigbee (802.15.4)
 - April:
 - SP Chapter meeting – SP in Wireless Communications.
 - Section meeting – IEEE-USA's Russell Harrison will discuss IEEE-USA's activities with Congress.
 - May:
 - Section meeting – Bill Carson, former NASA Engineer on the Saturn rocket project.
Note: Bill lives in western NC, and would probably be happy to do this for other sections. I'll pass the word on how well this meeting goes – both attendance and quality.
- Our Lower-Cape-Fear subsection is operating well with a great deal of independence. However, I have recently heard rumor that there may be some difficulties. I shall have to provide some attention there.
- The biggest area of improvement the Past Section Chair, Mary Ellen Randall, pointed out was in communicating Section/Chapter events to the membership in a timely, regular, consistent form. I plan to keep this item at the front of our attention as the year continues.