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Melbourne Section Report for the Region 3 EXCOM Meeting, October 2010

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Items that require R3 attention: none.

Member Engagement Activities

- The section is continuing its popular career management series providing an inside look at multiple aspects of career management.
- The section is planning and jointly hosting the October 23 Career Survival Seminar with the Canaveral and Orlando Sections. This seminar is open to all and specifically targeting space center employees that will be affected by the October layoff.
- The on-going senior member elevation initiative in which the section provides a specialized officer who helps members go through the process of becoming senior members has been used by several members this year.
- The Section's annual picnic was held in May.

Section Activities

- The Melbourne Section is working to strengthen its relationship with Florida Institute of Technology.
 - o The Melbourne Section and Florida Tech will jointly sponsor a lecture series corresponding with the school year.
 - o All Melbourne Section technical meetings will be held on the Florida Tech campus facilitated by an ECE department professor.
 - o The ECE department head has started attending EXCOM meetings to facilitate communication between the university and the IEEE Melbourne Section.
 - o Additional Florida Tech Professors are becoming more engaged with the section and interested in getting involved with various aspects of the sections educational activities as a result of the relationship development effort.
- The Florida Tech student branch
 - o Students are planning an entry in the SoutheastCon 2011 contests.
 - o Students are in charge of the Melbourne Section's website development and updating. The section has donated \$500 to the students for this service.
 - o The students have developed a written strategy document that outlines their plans to grow their group and to provide continuity between classes.

o The students have expressed an interest in having members come to their meetings and give short talks on various topics. Most recently the GOLD chair attended and spoke about what she wished she knew while she was in school.

· The Consultants Network, Life Members, and GOLD had a booth at the Real Time and Embedded Computer Conference, held on April 13. The Consultants Network will be participating in the NASA EXPO Small Business Trade Fair at Port Canaveral on Oct 19.

Submitted by

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