Orlando Section Report (3/16/2011)

Committee Objectives including initiatives and projects for 2011

1. Employment assistance and PACE projects
2. Engage the IEEE members and improve the attendance at the technical meetings
3. Publicize Orlando Section technical and ExCom meetings in local media
4. Reach out to ALL IEEE members in Orlando Section
5. Nominate strong candidates for IEEE Awards
6. Continue to develop membership

Plans for the year

1. A few volunteers were identified to have great interest in employment assistance and professional activities. Ed Kirchner was contacted to provide help on planning events. IEEE benefits link will be posted to the Section Website. The materials from the Career Survival Workshop will be posted on the Section website.
2. The section newsletters will add a "look ahead" segment containing the knowing meeting dates for the following month. The chapter chairs will reach out to their chapter members to identify technical interests better and form closer relationships in order to improve the attendance of technical meetings. The chapter chairs will be elected annually.
3. Publish technical and ExCom meeting dates on Orlando Sentinels and Central Florida Business
4. Send Email Newsletters to every IEEE member and Postcards to those without Email in July
5. Will host a membership development workshop in Aug. Also guidelines for membership elevation will be provided.
6. Find a chapters chair
7. Continue to support student activities and WIE society.
8. Update the bylaws specifically on ExCom member elections

Issues needing attention by the ExCom

1. 2012 IEEE SoutheastCon (Mar. 14-17 at Wyndham Orlando Resorts and Hotel) Call for papers and sponsors will be published in the 2011 SoutheastCon program. Hardware competition rules are made. Website is up: http://www.southeastcon2012.org/. Main positions in the steering committee are filled. Still look for volunteers.
2. 2011 IEEE RFID will be held at the Orange County Convention Center. George McClure and William Hortos will staff the membership desk.
3. IEEE Online Community for Orlando Section is in use by the Section ExCom.
4. Section PACE Chair attended 2011 IEEE USA meeting in Austin, TX.
5. Dr. Sundaram will receive IEEE R3 Outstanding Service Award.