

IEEE WNC Section Report  
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Report to Region 3 / NC Council

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Since October, 2010 (last R3 committee meeting), the Western North Carolina Section (WNC) has accomplished the following:

October 21, 2010: Regular section meeting. Topic was 'Cardiac Electronics' by Dr. Perry Sprawls. Held at UNC Asheville.

October 23, 2010: Coordinated two sites for the R3 "Career Survival" seminar. One was at UNC Asheville and one at Western Carolina University.

October 28, 2010: Two members presented at a public school career day.

November 2, 2010: Members contributed to "Career Night" talks at UNC Asheville.

November 20, 2010: Hosted Volunteer Recognition Banquet and Reception.

December 10, 2010: Attended Senior project presentations at UNCA.

December 15, 2010: Attended WCU Capstone Senior Project design reviews.

January 18, 2011: Toured **Appalachian Technology**, a PCB manufacturer, assembly and test services company.

February 22, 2011: Hosted joint engineering society meeting with various engineering groups (ASME, ASCE, ASQ, and Sigma Xi) in the area. This was held in conjunction with Engineering Week. Dr. Perry Sprawls presented his 'Cardiac Electronics' presentation.

March 10, 2011: Local Consultant's Network hosted social networking meeting at Highland Brewery, Asheville NC

March 24, 2011: Local Consultants Network to present "Virtualization: Nuts & Bolts of Cloud Computing". Speakers included Enoch Moeller, General Manager, Google's Datacenter, Lenoir, NC, Pete Stulginskis, Director/ Instructor/ VMWare / Network, CCC&TI, Lenoir, NC, Dave Nelson, VMware Academy Director. Held at UNCA.

Section member and past chair Rick Taylor was conferred the IEEE Fellow.

PES Chapter is active and sponsoring meetings and arranging speakers. Its officers are:

Tom Farr - Chair for 2011  
Bob Pettigrew - Vice-Chair  
Harshul Gupta - Secretary

Local Consultant's Network affinity group is active and is sponsoring meetings and social gatherings. LCN website contains job listings and resources. A.J. Burke is 'job liaison'. The LCN chair is Jim Corr.

The WNC Section holds EXCOM meetings once a month, usually at lunch on the first Friday of the month.

Elections and Officers for 2011:

Chair:	Brian Kowald
Vice Chair:	Bill Yang
Secretary:	Harshul Gupta
Treasurer:	Bill Barkley
Professional Activities:	Fred Orland
Membership Development:	Perry Sprawls
Student Activities (UNCA):	Teresa Matthews
Student Activities (WNC):	Peter Tay
Webmaster:	Jim Erickson
Career Management & Job Opportunities:	A.J. Burke
Awards:	Bob Yanniello

PES Chapter Chair:	Tom Farr
LCN Chair:	Jim Corr

Respectfully Submitted,  
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