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- **Member Engagement**

- ExCom meets Monthly at lunchtime, open to all Section Members
- Three student chapters attend ExCom meetings, UAHuntsville, AAMU, Calhoun
- AESS, CS, CSS, EMCS, TMC, JCAM, and GOLD Chapters
- R&AS Chapter in near future
- Section and Chapters are growing this year per SAMIEEE
- Section Blog, interactive and continuous, LinkedIn and Facebook groups
- Working with HATS to expand interest in IEEE
- 5 Section awards during E-Week Banquet, more recently the POY award

- **Activities**

- Most chapters very active, 3 or more meetings per year, GOLD struggling
- ACTE, Team Programming Challenge, ARFCC Competition
- NARSEF, ASEF, STEDTRAIN, and other K-12 STEM programs
- BEST and FIRST Robotics Competition Support
- MGA Smart Tech Metro Area Workshop this year, lot of activity and interest within and outside IEEE, particularly INCOSE
 - Plenary speaker Mike Griffin, UAHuntsville Dept Chair & former NASA administrator
 - Boeing VP of HR Rick Stephens on Career Workshop Panel

- **Barriers**

- Time commitments from overextended ExCom and Section members