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Sections should be planning ahead for their PACE chairs to attend the IEEE-USA annual meeting to be held in Cincinnati, May 3-6. The theme is "Innovation taking flight".

Details are found at <http://ieeeusa.org/calendar/conferences/annualmeeting/2012/>

There will be a Region 3 PACE meeting held during the annual meeting.

John Montague, Region 3 PACE activities chair, will be the point of contact for details.

As in past years, there will be a cost-sharing arrangement between the section and the region to fund expenses. (E-mail: [montague@ieee.org](mailto:montague@ieee.org))

Other PACE activities include Student Professional Awareness Conferences (S-PACs) and Member Professional Awareness Conferences (M-PACs). These are examples of Professional Development Seminars described at <http://ieeeusa.org/volunteers/pace/mpac.asp> PACE projects are proposed for funding through the PACE Network using standard forms. <http://ieeeusa.org/volunteers/pace/funding.asp>

Ideas for PACE projects are found at <http://ieeeusa.org/volunteers/pace/projects/default.asp>

John Montague is assuming the duties ably performed by Susan Ronning for the past two years.

The Region 3 Professional Activities Operations Committee will be headed this year by George McClure. Planning will be aided by a meeting with IEEE-USA staff on February

11. Functions of career enhancement and the Jobs Board are coordinated through PAOC.

Each section should have a designated Employment Assistance Coordinator for its members, working with Ed Kirchner ([ed.kirchner@ieee.org](mailto:ed.kirchner@ieee.org)) to identify job opportunities the members can investigate further. See the Jobs Board article issued after the kick-off at Sections Congress last year. <http://www.todaysengineer.org/2011/Sep/unemployment.asp>

The Region 3 PAOC budget should cover related region activities for McClure, Montague, and Kirchner. The 58-page IEEE-USA Operations Manual can be downloaded from <http://www.ieeeusa.org/volunteers/files/opmana.pdf>

Congressional Visits Day this year will be held April 24-25. Attendance is not usually funded by the region, but some sections may have strong interests and therefore want to fund a representative to attend. The highlight is Hill visits to offices of Congressmen and Senators arranged by IEEE-USA staff, following up on particular interests. Continuing focus is on funding of basic research and emphasis on innovation to create jobs for engineers.

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