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IEEE Coastal SC Section Report for SouthEastCon 2012

The Coastal SC Section continues to be an active and busy.

Key points:

- EXCOM meeting held in January to plan out the year. Discussed several new ideas for the section and affiliate chapters.
- Active PES, Computer and Communications chapters that sponsor at three to four meetings per year. In 2011 conducted 3 separate meetings utilizing the DLS through the chapter societies.
- Support the local Engineer's Joint Council annual scholarship and E-week Banquet activities and are an active member of the council board.
- Encouraged and financially supported student branch at The Citadel. Conduct joint meetings with the student throughout the year.
- Identified the need to reach our members that are not geographically co-located to our typical meeting area and vowed to conduct meetings periodically in remote areas.
- Conducted 2 technical tours in 2011, one to an aluminum manufacturing plant and the other to a local defense contractor that manufactures up-armored vehicles.
- Successfully conducted 13 meetings in 2011. And are off to a good start in 2012 with the calendar full through August at this time.

2012 Planned Activities:

- Technical tour to Water Plant maintained by the local Electric Coop
- Support student branches by attending annual CEEDS Event (student senior project presentations)
- Provide a few social/family orientated events throughout the year
- Conduct a professional Development Workshop/Seminar

Issues:

- Recruiting new officers
- Member Involvement such as committees
- Elevating Members to higher membership status – Senior, etc...
- Need free video conferencing tools to be able to conduct virtual meetings

Thank you,

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