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The Atlanta Section is currently working on rejuvenating two groups that have been floundering - our Computer Society Chapter and our GOLD Affinity Group.

The Atlanta Section has more CS members than members of any other IEEE Society, and yet our CS officers have not held a meeting since 2008. After many unsuccessful attempts to contact the CS chapter officers (and after finding out that the chapter Chair actually dropped his IEEE membership several years ago), we decided to rejuvenate the Chapter on our own. I am acting as the Chapter Chair, and the Section Treasurer is acting as Chapter Treasurer. We have planned two meetings for the fall, and hope to recruit new officers at those meetings. Our first meeting will be Sept 8, and our speaker will be IEEE Div VIII Director Kathy Land. Kathy is also a former member of the BoG of the Computer Society. Our second meeting will be on Open Source Software advantages/disadvantages/risks.

Our GOLD group has also been struggling. We are currently planning a joint student/GOLD/PACE event for October, and are hoping for 50 attendees. Dumore Improv will be presenting a workshop for the attendees. http://www.dumoreimprov.com/Welcome.html

Our annual banquet was in April, with attendance of 100+ -- the largest attendance we've had in recent years. The Section also co-sponsored the IEEE AESS RadarCon 2012 in May, and many Section and Chapter level volunteers helped the event run smoothly and successfully. The Section will receive half of the conference surplus, with our portion expected to be on the order of \$40-\$50k. We are also planning to participate in our annual Fall Area 3 Picnic.

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