Professional Activities Operations Committee Chair Report to IEEE Region 3 ExCom   Oct 15, 2012

IEEE-USA 2012 Section Bonus for Professional Activities Meetings

This year to incent Sections to hold Professional Activities Section meetings a $200.00 award is available to Sections holding at least 3 meetings with Professional Activities programs with an aggregate of 100 or more members attending. Meetings must be reported as Professional meetings in the vTools L-31 application. As of October 5, none of the 41 Sections in Region 3 has met this goal. Even bending the rules and counting Chapter meetings reported in the Professional category, no Section qualifies. If any Section Chair or Section PACE Chair believes that their Section has qualified they should review their L-31 submissions in vTools, correct them (or add missing reports) then notify me ASAP. This program ends at the end of 2012 and l-31 reports must be submitted by 1/1/2013 for them to be considered for award qualification.

IEEE Region 3 Professional Activities Webinar

In lieu of a Fall Region 3 in-person meeting two webinars will be held. All Region 3 Committee members have been contacted requesting suggestions for topics to be covered in the Professional Activities Webinar. Input is needed quickly in order for the webinar to be created, requested content to be created, and volunteer presenters to be engaged. Each 2012 R3 PACE project organizer is being contacted to try and include case studies of actual PACE projects. Please contact me if you have topic ideas, presentation collateral, and particularly if you are willing to present your desired topic. Early November is the target for the webinar – 11/5 at 9 PM ET is the tentative schedule but availability of one key presenter may make 11/12 a better date.

Funds Available to Start an Employment Network

Are your Section members looking for work or seeking new employment? Help your members succeed in their efforts by starting an Employment Network in your Section. As a part of a campaign to assist unemployed members with their job search, IEEE-USA is offering up to 20 -- $500 grants to any IEEE Section within Regions 1-6 willing to establish an Employment Network. The deadline to submit an Employment Network Project Funding Request Form is Oct. 31, 2012. The application form for this grant and detailed instructions have been sent to all Section Chairs and all Section PACE Chairs. A copy of this information is available upon request to me.

IEEE-USA PACE Committee

The IEEE-USA PACE Committee is holding a meeting at IEEE-USA HQ on October 27. If you have anything to be brought before this committee I will be glad to represent your position, but please provide the details by Sunday October 21.

Respectfully,

John Montague
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