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## IEEE Coastal South Carolina Section and Chapter Report, 2013-2014

### Russell Albright - Section Vice Chair, 2014

#### 2014 Officers:

- Russell Albright, Vice Chair
- Alvin Britsch, Secretary/Treasurer
- Quoc Trong, Webmaster
- Chandra Curtis, Chapter Chair
- Christy Jones, Chapter Vice Chair

#### Goals 2014:

- Revitalize operation of the Section and Chapter
- Train and cross-train new Section and Chapter officers
- Hold at least five Technical meetings for the Section
- Hold at least two Technical meetings for the Chapter
- Participate in the Charleston Engineers Joint Council annual Banquet
- Participate in The Citadel annual Razor Lecture
- Organize two Distinguished Lecturer meetings
- Send one Section officer and one Chapter officer to SoutheastCon 2014
- Send two officers to Sections Congress 2014
- Send one Chapter officer to the Power & Energy Society annual meeting for training and attendance at sessions

### Accomplishments 2013

#### 2013 Officers:

- Jack Swick, Chair
- Russell Albright, Secretary/Treasurer
- Vickie Hoffmann, Chapter Chair

#### - Meetings:

- Toured the Santee Cooper Landfill Gas Generation site in February
- Participated in the CEJC Banquet in February
- Participated in The Citadel's Razor Lecture in March
- Organized one Distinguished Lecturer Meeting, Dr. Mandayam, April
- Organized a Section meeting entitled "Using National Instruments Software and Hardware to Automate Biomedical Testing," October
- Sent one officer to SoutheastCon 2013 in Jacksonville, April

Summary

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- For the past several years, since the recession started in 2008, participation in Section and Chapter activities has declined dramatically. Pleas for new volunteers for officer positions fell on deaf ears. For 2012 and 2013, a few former officers agreed to operate the section and chapter in a minimalist manner, doing just enough to qualify for the annual rebate to keep the section and chapter operating.
- In late 2013, a plea for volunteers to serve as officers was answered by four members! The Section and Chapter now have new officers who are highly talented and motivated. This year is a building and training year and I expect that next year and in subsequent years the Section and Chapter will regain their vitality and member participation.
- Already this year, we have participated in the CEJC annual banquet, The Citadel Razor Lecture, and we sponsored a tour of the Santee Cooper Hydro Plant, where two generators of 1939/1940 vintage are being overhauled. This event was attended by 30 people. It appears that the Section and Chapter have regained their previous vitality.

Russell Albright  
Vice Chair  
Coastal South Carolina Section

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