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## IEEE Jamaica Section 2014 Section Report

### 2014 Section Officers:

Chair: Dave D Muir  
Vice-Chair: Dwight Reid  
Treasurer: David Miller  
Secretary: Carolyn Ferguson  
Computer Society Chair: Damith Wick  
Communications society chair: Devon Gayle

Membership development: Christopher Udeagha

UTech Branch Counselor: Dwight Reid

PACE Chair: Halden Morris

Section officers were solicited in October, November, and December of 2013. Current officers to continue for one more year.

1. Our primary goal for this year is to find active volunteers who will take over the section chair and other slots. We will advertise more to attract the key officer positions.
2. Another goal is to get Communications and Computer meetings scheduled further in advance.
3. The UTech and UWI student branch has been very active and supported by the section. We had a big meeting and celebration of IEEE day in October 2013.
4.  Increasing membership attendance and participation in meetings is priority thru efforts such as pushing e-membership for existing and new members. We will also be going to select companies and other societies to share the benefits of IEEE.
  - Increase involvement by Standing Committee Chairs in the communications, education and computer societies.
5.  Participation in Regional & PACE Activities pertaining to the IEEE USA Annual Conference in 2014
  - Implement succession planning for current Officers, Chapters and Standing Committee Chairs
6. Our Membership Chair, Mr. Christopher Udeagha has done a good job of continually recruiting members. We plan to send emails reminders to members who still have not yet registered for this

year and we will continue to focus on this membership drive during the remainder of the year to increase our numbers.

7. Interactive meeting with smart phones and tablets are next and we will offer local wifi service for free. Skype will also be present for members outside the city. Part of our plans will include having a monthly meeting outside of Kingston.

8. The Section will undertake at least two service projects this year as we embrace our technology for humanity motto.

9. Our women have indicated a strong interest in exploring the WIE and we will dedicate a working meeting to realize a new group within the section.

10. Obstacles include needing to hold some more fundraising activities

11. We have attracted several computing members who are also members of ACM and are in talks to strengthen relations.

12. Our Section website remains up to date, however we have challenges finding a new webmaster to continue the diligent work being done. Please visit our website by simply googling IEEE Jamaica section.

13. We plan to continue supporting efforts in the growth of STEM education in Jamaica especially at the High School levels and we have partnered with two foundations to realize these goals.

14. Jamaica has a huge new global Logistics hub initiative underway and as a section we have been talking on how we can engage membership in its development and invite expertise within IEEE to be a part of the process. This development is very critical to the country as it will position it as the fourth Logistics hub in the world. It will be a very critical transshipment point for USA, central and south America.

Dave D Muir

Jamaica Section Chair