

To: IEEE Region 3
Re: Melbourne Section Report, March 2014
From: Ed Kirchner., SMIEEEE, IEEE Melbourne Section Chair

Executive Committee for 2014

- Edward Kirchner, Chair
- Xanthe Johnson, Vice Chair
- Mary Flavin, Secretary
- Nelson Garcia, Treasurer

Goals for 2014

- Provide value to Section members by delivering quality technical, professional development, and social experiences
- Support the Florida Tech student chapter
- Provide support to local K-12 STEM activities
- Increase positive presence in local community by supporting career development and employment activities in the region

Milestones for 2014

- Meet all meeting requirements for chapters and affinity groups
- Provide financial support to Florida Tech Student chapter participation in SoutheastCon
- Provide judging and prizes at Brevard County Science Fair
- Hold at least one STEP event
- Hold at least one major social event
- Have an active PACE/Employment Network community

Obstacles for 2014

- Engaging current members; stemming the flow of members in arrears
- Finding new volunteers for the future

Issues requiring action by the Region 3 ExCom or Committee

- none

Section activities for 2014 to date:

Technical Societies & Affinity Groups

Active Technical Society Chapters are: Joint AP/MTT, Joint Signal Processing/Communications, EMC, Joint Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society, Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society, and Computer Society Chapter

Active Affinity Groups are: Consultants Network, Young Professionals, Life Member

PACE Activities

Supported the CareerSource Brevard (a county non-profit assistance organization for unemployed) event called "First Impressions". This included providing materials and info about the career benefits of IEEE membership.

Educational Activities

The Melbourne Section again provided judging and prizes to the 2014 Brevard County Science Fair.

Melbourne provided financial support and technical mentoring to the Florida Tech Student Chapter as they designed and built a robot for SoutheastCon 2014.

Melbourne supported a February SPAC at Florida Tech. This included providing a local speaker.

Melbourne Section continues our partnership with the Florida Tech Career Management Services department to offer students career advice. In March, the Section provided a panelist to support a speaker panel on preparing students for internships and co-ops.

Social Activities

The Melbourne Section Picnic is scheduled for April 12, 2014.