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Virginia Mountain Section (Roanoke, Lexington, Blacksburg) SoutheastCon 2014 Section Report

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Challenges:

- Everybody is busy; many section members but busy in careers and research - no time for our meetings
- Lack of corporate sponsorship/support of IEEE activities (paid time off to participate in IEEE events)
- Need to develop better relationships and communication channels with student branches
- Our geographic region follows the I-81 corridor for about 200 mountainous miles in VA; difficult to have meetings convenient to all members

Milestones:

- Scheduled several Distinguished Lecturer speakers for 2014
- Developing a PE preparation course (hoping to provide prior to October 2014 PE exam date)
- Section leadership now has a diversity of engineers from both academia AND industry

Goals:

- Increase attendance at meetings by 25% over 2013 by providing interesting/relevant technical programs
- Offer our first PE preparation course, and improve for 2015
- Establish a "Continuity Book" for all officers (filled with responsibilities and "how-to's")