

Mobile Section Report, August 22, 2014

Goals:

- **Conduct at least 9 technical meetings every year**
 - Conducted 10 technical meetings with 6 speakers from industry and 4 from academia
- **Increase membership with a focus on recruiting members from the:**
 - local industry
 - Focused on 5 companies and two companies (Centralite and Redlion) agreed to reimburse the membership fees to their employees if they decide to become IEEE members
 - Student Membership
 - All senior electrical and computer engineering students at USA are now required to become student members of IEEE when they register for their capstone senior design project
 - 50% of the student membership fee is reimbursed through the College of Engineering
- **Encourage members to renew the membership in a timely manner**
 - Reminders are sent through email, announcements in the technical meetings
- **Introduce a Section Newsletter**
 - Published the first section newsletter in Spring 2014
- **Promote strong interaction between the section and the student branch**
 - Partially sponsoring USA Student Team to participate in the IEEE SouthEastCon Robot Car Competition

Challenge:

- Getting members in arrears to renew their membership
 - It remains a challenge and looks for effective ways to address this issue