

IEEE Central Tennessee Section
Report to Region 3
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Our section continues to function well but we could use better attendance in our meetings. Even though we have over 800 members, our typical meeting attendance is under 10% and in cases even under 5%. Most of our regular attendees work for companies in the area and are finding it difficult to attend with their busy schedules even though these companies encourage their participation and even pay for the meeting fees.

We have an active IAS/PES Chapter which has been doing very well for the past few years organizing a minimum of two to three dedicated programs. We also conduct four technical meetings every year in association with the Music City Power Quality Group. These meetings generally attract a much larger participation.

Last year we took up the challenge from Region 3 on Senior Member Elevation and was able to almost double the goal of 6 to 11. We made our membership aware on the qualification requirements of Senior Member Status along with the benefits and offered support and assistance to sign up after two of our scheduled meetings. We plan to do the same initiative this year as well.

Please see below the meetings for 2016 both completed and scheduled.

Date	Time	Topic	Organizer
2/2/2016	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Arc Flash	IEEE/MCPQG
3/9/2016	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Intellectual Property	PACE
Scheduled			
4/7/2016	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Network Infrastructure and Industrial Security Seminar	IAS
4/13/2016	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Natural Gas Multi-Generator Systems	IAS/PES
5/3/2016	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Microgrid	IEEE/MCPQG
8/2/2016		Transformers (New DOE 2016 Efficiency Standard, Harmonics etc.	IEEE/MCPQG
9/14/2016	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	TBD	IAS/PES
10/12/2016	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	TBD	IEEE
11/8/2016	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	UPS Systems	IEEE/MCPQG
12/8/2016	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Annual Winter Social	IEEE

Moving forward we also plan to have technical meetings to meet the interest of our members in the software field and are looking for speakers and topics.

We support the student chapters in Vanderbilt, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech. and Lipscomb Universities and encourage student participation in our meetings and events with subsidized meeting fees. Our Vice Chair recently participated in the Lipscomb student chapter meeting to talk about good reasons to join IEEE and the benefits of IEEE membership.

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