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[IEEE R3] IEEE Charlotte Report

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IEEE Charlotte Section Report to R3. April 2, 2016

2016 Section Executive Committee:

Section Chair: Ken Dunn

Section Vice Chair: Terence Fagan

Section Treasurer: Andrew Willis

Section Secretary (and PES Chair): Aidan Browne

PES Chair Sukuman Kamalasadan

Women in Engineering Nan Bousaba

Education (statewide, joint) Society Chair: Jim Conrad

Computer Society: Scott Kuntzelman

Communications Society: Ken Dunn

2015 Highlights

Meeting Activities

Charlotte focused in 2015 on increasing activities available to members. While the pace of meetings is high, these meetings are typically driven by ExCom, and participation is low (typically 10% over the year, and ½%-5% of members attending any particular meeting.

Charlotte conducted two Senior Member drives, promoting FIFTEEN in 2015.

Charlotte Section has two associated student sections, UNC Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College. The latter group is chartered, but presently inactive.

Section Plans & Lessons Learned

Objectives for 2016:

Develop Long-term financial plan

Maintain pace of member-focused meetings

Vitalize WIE

Lessons Learned:

Social Networking is popular with the "active" membership.

Most event attendance is a core of 30-40 members in various combinations. Most of those members subscribe to the Section Meetup site.

- o Whether cause or correlation is unclear, but leadership hypothesizes this facilitates planning for event attendance.
- o Virtually NO meeting attendees RSVP'd via IEEE site announcements...

The section also maintains Facebook and Twitter accounts, posting *ad hoc* pictures and posts from meetings. No evidence suggests these efforts increase meeting attendance or member valuation of IEEE membership, but maintaining the sites requires negligible effort.

Charlotte cannot reach a significant fraction of Charlotte based engineers in South Carolina (Charlotte is a border city). Depending on a members default address, they may be assigned to Charlotte or Columbia sections. We could better serve those members if MGA tools (SAMIEEE in particular) allowed Charlotte to directly contact those IEEE members.

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