

Virginia Mountain Section Chair's report

March 30, 2017

Achievements for 2016:

VMS held 7 technical meetings.

VMS had VMI and VWCC robotics team presentation at April meeting.

VMS held a very successful Awards banquet in December.

VMS had membership growth for the section as a whole.

VMS sponsored Salem high School robotics team in national competition.

Disappointments for 2016:

A dear friend and Excom member Dave Geer passed away this year.

VMS was not able to meet attendance projections, as we had wished; however, we were able to realize a small average increase in attendance.

Comments:

We had an outstanding year, some exceptional speakers, and our awards banquet was successful. I believe we have some exceptional talent on the Excom and we are getting new recruits for the new year. As the Vice Chair for three years, I believe the new additions to the ExCom in recent years will give us great vitality and drive that we need to succeed.

Goals for 2017:

The VMS is planning to establish four new committees: Membership and Attendance, Communications, Education/STEM/CEUs and Awards. We will have a bigger and better Awards banquet this year. We will sponsor at least two teams at this year's SouthEastCon. We plan to implement better communications with our members, using latest media tools. The VMS will actively seek distinguished speakers for our professional lectures and plan tours of industry within our area.