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**Section/Area/Committee Name:** Area 2 North Carolina Council

**List key activities for your Section/Area/Committee:**
- Hosted IEEE SoutheastCon 2017 in Charlotte
- Appointed a new NCC treasurer
- All sections participating and preparing for Sections Congress 2017 in Sydney.

**List key challenges for your Section/Area/Committee:**
- Maintain the momentum of our annual robotics symposium (RoboResearch).
- Provide for more STEM outreach in NC
- Help foster growth in tech entrepreneurship in NC
- Revitalize our struggling sections
- Get more people involved, particularly in under-served demographics

**Action Plan to address challenges:**
- Will be meeting via WebEx on this Wednesday to begin planning for a fall conference (NCSE 2017):
  - Two day event, perhaps mid-October
  - Looking at RTP locations (The Frontier?)
  - Tracks for Robotics, IoT, Entrepreneurship
  - Saturday (day two) will concentrate on STEM
  - Looking for ideas to help spur young professionals and WIE participation
- All NCC sections participating in SC17 – we hope to bring back new ideas
- Looking at an end-of-year LD training class in Triad area (W-S and Central NC section area)