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re W-S section

For agenda report

The W-S Section *mission* is to help local members improve their employment opportunities and recognition for contribution to local economy.
The W-S Section *goal* is to improve the support of local STEM programs by creating teams of mentors to train and advise the STEM instructors.

To meet the Section goal of STEM support, the section Ex-Com has committed up to $2,000 per year to the NC Council Robo Research "training-of-trainers" and additional funds for "seeding" local robotics activities. Since the first of this year, the Pololu.com Sumobot kits has been identified by the section as the lowest cost method of focusing efforts to "seed" robotic study and derive projects that can involve all age and experience levels with the technical skills necessary for future employment. Develop a pipeline of technologists necessary to supply the local workforce!

Classes are being developed for Middle school, High school and College level students. We are utilizing the equipment, facilities and personnel of the W-S Mixxer Maker Fab to support all aspects of training.

During this 1st quarter, the section has:

1. Circulated updated by-laws for review by section members before submittal in April for Region approval.
2. Prepared a monthly forecast of expenses and income.
3. Registered the section chair for representation of the section at SECON. W-S will have no other members attending.
4. Held more than 7 meetings to organize and promote the robotics activities. v-tools are being used to announce and report events.
5. The WFU EMBS club is active with FIRST related events.
6. The Forsyth Tech Community College now has six 3D printers operating since Section seeding.

Additional section updates will be reported on a monthly basis using the Google Chrome browser and email.