

East Tennessee Section

2018 Activates

Meetings

Technical: 9
Professional: 2
Social: 2

Activities

Participated in a special professional society awareness day at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). Which lead to connecting with a number of members who aren't active but where interested in becoming senior members. So far one has completed their application and was elevated, and another is pending their second reference. Procrastinating references that's a problem

We continued to be involved with the student branch at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville (UTK). Our long running relationship with the student branch ExCom and partnering with them to cultivate future volunteers for the professional section out of the student branch ExCom has been very beneficial. Our primary form of supporting and assisting the student branch's executive committee is in member recruitment and retention activities by providing funding for them to have section project for their members that is used as a carrot to attract non-members who want to participate and/or use the results of the project, i.e. one year they built a 3D printer, another they year they built a PCB milling machine, etc..

The local community college student branch has gone to ground.

We found a new volunteer to take over as section treasurer... that is big for us.

Results of our partnership with the Atomic Heritage Foundation on an IEEE Foundation grant is wrapping up and the resulting product that highlights the technological innovations that started with the Manhattan Project in WW2 and continues today in the form of ORNL and the other US DOE facilities is going live this summer.

2019 Goals

1. Hold a senior member round-up. At ORNL and/or EPRI.
2. Hold 4 technical meetings
3. Hold a social meeting.
4. Have more section ExCom meetings (didn't do so good on that last in 2018)
5. Find new blood for the ExCom to start this year in prep for taking more serious rolls in the next year or two.

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