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addendum
1985 - 1989

Preface:



his addendum is made necessary by the passage of time since the history was first produced on the 80th anniversary of the Berkshire Section. This was also the 100th anniversary of the ~~AIEE/IRE/IEEE~~. These five years have had many significant items of historic interest.

This addendum includes the new items of historic interest which pertain to the section members as well as corrections or additions to the previously printed history.

Edward J. Ptak
historian
10 May 1990



Ann Mastrey is congratulated by Rich Kolodziejczyk, chairman of the IEEE Berkshire Section, after being named its Engineer of the Year

SECTION CHAIRMEN IEEE

1963-1964	W.F. Dripps
1964-1965	A.K. Hooks
1965-1966	J. Church
1966-1967	C.R. Thomas
1967-1968	R.A. Reid Jr.
1968-1969	C. McMillen
1969-1970	G.W. Maehl
1970-1971	M. Baretzky
1971-1972	A. Plummer
1972-1974	Leslie Jump/ Edward S. Stumpek
1974-1976	Joseph D. Macdonald (2 year term)
1976-1978	Edward J. Ptak (2 year term)
1978-1979	Joseph P. Slocik
1979-1980	William N. Kennedy
1980-1981	Robert C. DeGeneff
1981-1982	Gene S. Carlson
1982-1983	David L. McCall
1983-1984	Bertrum J. Fritchard
1984-1985	Carroll F. Kane
1985-1986	Geza Vajda
1986-1987	Geza Vajda
1987-1988	Richard Kolodziejczyk
1988-1989	Richard Kolodziejczyk
1989-1990	Richard Kolodziejczyk
1990-1991	Ann T. Mastrey

SECTION OFFICERS 1989/1990

Chairman	Rich Kolodziejczyk
Vice Chairman	Bob Steele
Treasurer	Mike Krok
Secretary	Dave McCall
Past Chairman	Carroll Kane

Committee Chairmen

PACE	Allan Boschen
Education	Freeman Perry
Awards & Scholarships	Joe Slocik Andy Tiller
Student Act.	Ann T. Mastrey
Publications	Clarence Bode
Membership	Bruce Henry
Historian & Publicity	Edward J. Ptak
Members at Large	John Webster Gene Carlson

Computer and Control Systems Society

Chairman	Richard Spencer
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September 1976

Leonard Wiggins received a Region 1 Award "For Promotion of Self-Development of Practicing Electrical Engineers".

August 1983

Andrew S. Miller was informed by Dr. Bruce D. Wedlock, Region 1 Director-, Dr. Oscar N. Garcia, Computer Society President and Dr. Edward J. Davison, Control Systems Society President that the establishment of a Joint Chapter of the Computer and Control Systems Societies in the Herkshires was approved.

June 1985

The results of an IEEE Survey on GE's Vacation Policy was prepared by Section Chairman, Geza Vajda and PACE Chairman, Allan C. Boschen. Copies were made available to all IEEE members and to the management of GE.

September 1985

Joseph P. Slocik received a Region 1 Award "In Recognition of His Important Services to the Growth and Excellence of the Berkshire Section, and His Career-Work in Power Transformer and Ordnance Systems Areas".

February 1986

IEEE's 13th Videoconference on Applications of Artificial Intelligence was held on February 26 at the Lenox House from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

February 1987

Pittsfield Mayor Charles Smith signed a proclamation declaring the celebration of National Engineers Week in Pittsfield. Participating in the signing ceremony were Edd Ptak and Betty Bowersox of GE and Russell Sutphen, vice president of O'Brien and Gere engineering firm.

April 1987

Allan C. Boscher announces the first annual Writing Contest to the high schools of Berkshire County.

April 1987

Edward J. Ptak receives notification of being elected to the grade of Senior Member.

July 1987

The July issue of The Institute publication listed George T. Tanigawa Pittsfield, Mass. as a new Senior Member in Region 1.

September 1987

IEEE's 19th Videoconference on High Performance Integrated Circuit Packaging was held September 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Berkshire Community College.

September 1987

The Writing Contest material was delivered to the 12 high schools in Berkshire County.

September 1987

Edward J. Ptak received a Region 1 Award "In Recognition of Excellent Career Work in Military Ordnance Systems, and for his Dedication to the Berkshire Section and Community Services".

October 1987

Allan C. Eoschen made a motion that IEEE sell advertising space in our newsletter. Rich Nigbor seconded the motion.

October 1987

Bob Koch of the Power Engineering Chapter reported on the survey. Due to lack of interest, the Power Chapter will become inactive.

October 1987

IEEE's 20th Videoconference on New Technologies in Biomedical Engineering was held at Berkshire Community College October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 1987

A Career Design Workshop was sponsored by IEEE and held on Saturday, the 14th of November. The workshop was conducted by the Crystal-Barkley Corporation of New York City.

January 1988

Writing Contest winners chosen by the review committee. The participating schools and winners were:

Hoosac Valley - Konstantina Trbovic
2nd Monument Mountain - Sandra F. Keefner
1st Mount Everett - Laurie Kinna
Saint Joseph - Lillian Fuchs
Wahconah Regional - Mary Langendorf

Each of the other three were awarded 3rd prizes.

February 1988

Laurie Kinna of Mount Everett Regional High School in Sheffield won first prize and a \$400.00 scholarship from the Berkshire Section of IEEE in the annual IEEE Writing Contest, said the newspaper article. The awards were presented by Allan C. Boschen, chairman of the event, at an IEEE dinner at the Cranwell Resort and Conference Center.

February 1988

IEEE's 22nd Videoconference on Practical Applications of Artificial Intelligence was held on February 18 at Berkshire Community College from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

March 1988

Comprehensive report on the Paper Writing Contest was made by chairman Allan C. Boschen

March 1988

IEEE's 23rd Videoconference on Microprocessors, Microcontrollers, ASIC was held on March 23rd at Berkshire Community College.

April 1988

Commander Frank L. Culbertson, Jr. - NASA Astronaut - spoke at a joint meeting of the American Society for Quality Control, the Elfun Society and IEEE at Wahconah Country Club on Friday the 28th.

May 1988

The Berkshire Eagle reported on Friday May 13 that Ordnance is to cut 930 jobs.

September 1988

The second annual Paper Writing Contest materials have been delivered to 14 area high schools.

September 1988

Carroll Kane was appointed Area "C" Chairman by Region 1 Director, Victor "Zourides". Director Zourides attended the September meeting in North Adams at the Freight Yard Pub in Heritage Park.

September 1988

Carroll Kane received a Region 1 Award "For Contributions to the Development of Ordnance Systems and Service to the Berkshire Section".

December 1988

An Engineering Fair was held at ECC December 8. IEEE was represented by F. Kolodziejczyk, J. Slocik, C. Kane, A. Miller, R. Nightengale, D. Robbins, G. Bender and R. Steele.

January 1989

The Paper Writing Contest committee selected the winners for 1989:

- 1st Mount Greylock - Lisa Kelly (\$250)
- 2nd Monument Mountain - Laura Lavery (\$100)
- 2nd Saint Joseph - Ellie Noto (\$100)
- 3rd Mount Everett - Andrea Novak (\$50)
- 3rd Berk. Country Day - Matt Eellyzi (\$50)
- 3rd Berk. Country Day - Ellen Wingard (\$50)
- McCann Tech - Robbie Gomeau (\$25)
- Lee High School - Marc DiGrigoli (\$25)

February 1989

National Engineers Week was observed by a joint meeting of ASME and IEEE at the Hilton Inn. Mayor Anne E. Wojtkowski signed the Engineers Week Proclamation at this event.

Allan C. Boschen presented the awards to the recipients of the second annual Paper Writing Contest.

March 1989

Rich Kolodziejczyk welcomed the 300,001st member of IEEE at the March dinner meeting. Michael Krok, TSD senior systems engineer was so designated in the Berkshire Section.

March 1989

Richard Spencer made a motion at the executive committee meeting to donate \$100 to the Visiting Nurse Association in memory of Rich Nigbor who passed away recently. Motion passed,

April 1989

Rich Kolodziejczyk a Phillippe nominee. A 15 year GE veteran, and a TSD Advance Systems Analysis Engineer, Rich was nominated f-or his extensive contributions to IEEE and all engineers in the area.

May 1989

Allan Boschen and Richard Kolodziejczyk jointly chaired a dinner conference at Debbie Wong's Restaurant on Monday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. The attendees were teachers and administrators from area schools who were involved in the paper writing contest.

June 1989

Prof. John W. Delano from SUNY, Albany spoke at the annual dinner meeting held at Cork's n Hearth. Over- 40 were in attendance to hear about the "Origin of the Earth-Moon System.

September 1989

A joint meeting with the Springfield Section was held on Friday, 15 September at the Whale Inn, Route 9, Goshen, MA. Mr. Llewellyn Clark, of Vicor Recovery Associates, was introduced as the main speaker.

January 1990

Carroll F. Kane was reappointed Region 1, Area "C" chairman by John Kaczorowski, Region 1 Director.

February 1990

A joint dinner meeting was held on February 17 with ASME, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and ASQC, the American Society for Quality Control. Mayor Anne E. Wojtkowski was the principle speaker and signed a proclamation for engineers week in Pittsfield.

February 1990

Ann T. Mastrey of Pittsfield, a systems and software engineer in GE's defense systems division, received the -first annual Engineer of the Year award. Chairman Kolodziejczyk made the presentation at the engineers week celebration.

February 1990

Region 1 awards were presented to two Perkshire Section engineers by chairman Rich Kolodziejczyk at the Engineers Week celebration.

Allan Boschen was cited for his "Service and Leadership to the Student Community."

Richard Spencer was honored for "Promoting Self-development and Enhancing the Educational Level and Competence of Practical Electrical Engineers."

February 1990

The Paper Writing Contest winners were announced:

Margaret M. Banker	1st prize	8250.
Michael S. Graham	2nd prize	100.
Catherine Lanford	2nd Prize	100.
Jamie McDermott	3rd prize	50.
Samantha Swain	3rd prize	50.
Kimberly Moynihan	3rd prize	50.
Greg M. Alexander	IEEE	25.
Hether L. Rockefeller	IEEE	25.
Anna H. Milkowski	GE	250.
Gregg Brighenti	Gowdy/Shandoff	50.
Christofer F. Pezzee	Nelson Inc.	50.
Amy L. Stevens	Shedd Inc.	25.
Kate J. Hanson	West Branch Const.	25.
Ellen Wingard	Repro Systems	item.

This year for the first time, outside businesses were asked to participate, six of which are so indicated above.

March 1990

A "Career Planning and Employment Assistance" workshop was held at the Hilton Inn on Saturday, March 10. It was from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with about 50 in attendance. Dill Wilkes of- Region One (from Long Island) and John Miller of National (from Tennessee) were the main presentors. Butch Savage from Pittsfield spoke on career planning in large corporations. Don Allen from Local, Area, and State employment assistance also presented data.



Career engineering

About 30 Berkshire Community College engineering students participated in a career planning program conducted by the local engineering societies Tuesday in Building 11 conference room. Engineers from the three Pittsfield General Electric businesses--Ordnance, Plastics and Transformer--discussed their engineering disciplines as part of National Engineers Week. (From left): Jenny Ptak, daughter of Ed Ptak, OS engineer; Keith Novaris, son of Lou/s Novaris, chemical technician for the Plastics Technology Department; Mike Bailey, marketing specialist for the LEXAN[®] Products Division; and Gene Carlson, OS engineer and chairman of the Engineers Week committee. Bailey is holding a LEXAN disk pack, a computer memory storage device casing. Also shown is a LEXAN data cassette, one of the new techniques for storing computer information.





AND THE WINNERS ARE — Rich Kolodziejczyk (top photo, right), chairman of the IEEE Berkshire Section, presented IEEE Region 1 awards to Richard Spencer (top photo) and Allan Boschen (left) at last Saturday's National Engineers' Week dinner meeting. Spencer was honored for promoting self-development and enhancing the educational level and competence of practicing electrical engineers, while Boschen was cited for service and leadership to the student community.

February 1990

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Paper Writing Contest winners February 1990



SIGNING ON WITH ENGINEERS WEEK — Representatives of Berkshire County engineering societies joined Pittsfield Mayor Anne E. Wojtkowski last week for the signing of the city's official proclamation marking National Engineers Week, Feb. 21-27. Taking part in the ceremony we (l-r) Doug Davis of the American Society of Manufacturing Engineers; Richard Kolodziejczyk of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE); Frank L. Winne of the American Society of Quality Control; Nick DelGrecco, chairman of the department of engineering technology at BCC; Edd Ptak, treasurer of the Nay League; Allan Boschen, IEEE Student Activities Chairman; Steve Gershoff, Western Mass. chairman of Sole, and Michael Lewis of the American Society of Civil Engineers.