

November 2009 Edition

View from the Chair

I love languages—all kinds—and once I get cranking, I am fluent in three (reading, writing, and speaking), and pretty OK with one more (mostly reading, but some speaking). Couple this with the accuracy and precision that are required for the various technical fields in which I work, and I've developed a strong personal sense of what's "right" and "wrong" with certain words. One word that causes a raucous clanging in my ear is *volunteerism*. But that's just the sound; its meaning is something else entirely, and one that generates a nice, sweet feeling in my gut. Some of the most gratifying times I have spent have come from volunteering, and most notably with regard to IEEE and the MT Section. We have a lot of work that needs to be done, and not enough volunteers to do it all. If you have any thoughts of making an active contribution to your professional community, please contact any of the Section officers. We'd all welcome your help!

—Mitch Hobish

IEEE Montana Section News

• Section Elections This Month

Section elections will be held this month. If you would like to nominate a Section member (or yourself) for either chair-elect or secretary for 2010, please contact one of the Section officers by November 11.

• Jameson Receives Region 6 Award

Dr. Bill Jameson, who received the Northeast Area Award for Outstanding Leadership and Professional Services, also received the 2009 Region 6 Award for Outstanding Leadership and Professional Services. The plaque was transferred to him at the October meeting. A fine photo of this event has been posted at the Section Website. Congratulations, Bill, and our thanks for all you've done and for what you continue to do.



IEEE NEWS

• 2009 Nobel Prize Winners from IEEE

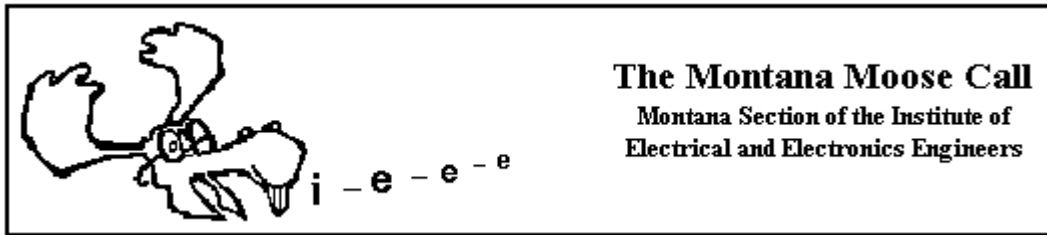
Three IEEE Life Fellows share the 2009 Nobel Prize in physics. Drs. Charles Kao, Willard Boyle, and George Smith created the technology behind digital photography, and have helped link the world through their work with fiber optics and their network applications.

• IEEE Members Select Moshe Kam 2010 President-Elect

Moshe Kam, department head and Robert Quinn Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pa., USA, has been selected as 2010 IEEE President-Elect. Pending acceptance of the Teller's Committee report by the IEEE Board of Directors during the November meeting series, Kam will begin serving as IEEE president on 1 January 2011.

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November Meeting Announcement

Notes from a Lifetime of Service

Members of the
MT Section Life Member Affinity Group

We have a wide range of skills and talents resident in the MT Section, as exemplified by the members of the Life Member Affinity Group, whose activities comprise a terrific cross-section of careers. Areas to be addressed by our speakers at the November meeting include academia, multinational technology manufacturing, defense, power, and supercomputers. This sterling panel will address the way things were, how we got to where we are now, and a few things learned along the way.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

**Life Members Meeting 5:30 p.m.
General Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

**Montana State University, 108 EPS
(Near 7th and Grant, South of Cobleigh Hall)**

Free pizza!

Please call Richard Wolff at 994-7172 (or e-mail: rwolff@montana.edu) or sign up via the Section website, <http://ewh.ieee.org/r6/montana>, to make reservations by 6 p.m., November 17, 2009.