

Region 2 Report for March 3, 2006 ECSC Meeting

– Joe Kalasky

In addition to the ECSC Report, I take liberty to advocate IEEE-USA Government Activities and Industry Relations. We have significant common interests.

Gave a Report on ECSC for Region 2 Committee – Feb 4-5, 2006

I pulled the following points from our web site and other materials:

IEEE-USA's Employment and Career Services Committee is charged to develop and dissemination products and services that assist IEEE members to sustain their professional development, career satisfaction, and life-long employability. Specific functions of the committee include:

- Improving current employment, career and professional development products and services.
- Assisting local sections located in Regions 1-6 in providing assistance and information to unemployed members;
- Providing Rapid Response Team Workshops for recently laid off employees and to develop workshops and seminars that will empower engineers in continuously changing career and employment issues;
- Using various feedback mechanisms, such as surveys, to determine the value of current services to IEEE-USA members and to determine what additional services and programs are needed and practical.
- Increasing the awareness of the members on the need for lifelong learning, and developing effective materials and presentations to enhance employers' awareness that encouraging lifelong individual continuing education is in their best interests.
- Studying and communicating successful career development strategies for engineers

Suggested that each Section invite one or two local technical recruiters to speak at a Section Meeting (Professional or otherwise.)

Recent Activities

Via Pittsburgh Section Professional Activities,

Two popular meetings in late 2005:

Invite two prominent local technical recruiting firms to speak

- Oxford Technical and Alltek
- Informed Members on how to use these services
- Interviewing techniques
- Establish contact between Section and Recruiting Firm.

Gave Talk to Pittsburgh Section GOLD Committee on Career Vitality (Nov. 10, 2006)

Plans for 2006 in Pittsburgh

- Engineers as Attorneys (Set for April 18 – Speaker is Dean of Law School Admissions at Duquesne University)
- MBA Programs
- Personal Finance
- Resume Preparation
- Transition to Management.

Government Activities Committee (Part of PACE)

Joe Kalasky, Member

The Government Activities Committee (GAC) is charged to help coordinate regional and state government affairs activities with the IEEE U.S. Regions 1-6, and to encourage [grassroots](#) member support of IEEE-USA's [national legislative](#) efforts.

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This site is designed to help American IEEE members coordinate public policy initiatives across state and section boundaries. It is managed by the IEEE-USA Government Activities Committee, which has been tasked with affecting legislative decisions in Washington D.C. and all 50 state capitals.

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- Online collaboration and continued communication outside of in-person meetings and teleconferences.
- Networking opportunities
- Discussions on the latest technologies, vital issues, and IEEE activities
- Just-in time education for application on the job
- Access to technical experts and peers for question asking, advice, and problem-solving
- Peer review of work

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**Industry Relations Committee
Region 2 Meeting Feb 4-5, 2006
Joe Kalasky - Coordinator**

RAB Industry Relations Committee
Existed 2001 through 2005
Temporarily Deactivated Dec 2004 due to Budgets

Replaced by IEEE Industry Advisory Committee
Memoranda of Understanding with major corporations

Still Lacking:
Outreach to Local Industry.

Problem
Membership Penetration:

Industry 15-20%
Academia: 80%

Trend:

Will IEEE be insignificant to Industry?

Solution:

Industry needs to know the Value to IEEE to Industry.

Region 2 Industry Outreach Campaign:

Each Section conduct outreach to one or more local Industries.

Material: Ready Made on Membership Development Committee websites.
Contact Engineering Management
Note the half price Membership after March 31.
Offer attendance at EXCOMs and regular meetings.
Meet at Industry Site.

Record:
Industries Contacted
Summarize Feedback.
Complete by Region 2 Fall meeting.

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