

To: ECS Committee
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Region Level Activities

- The ECS area in the Region 1 Website needs a little attention but provides links to IEEE USA points of interest and a headline feed with employment news links.
- I met with the Region 1 PACE chairs at the St. Louis meeting (between/after our meetings); I brought them up to date on our (ECS) “to do” list and the products we offered to our membership.
- The Region 1 Summer meeting was held in Syracuse, NY. Our director, Barry L Shoop, gave a presentation entitled “Reflections on Leadership”. Other presentations included “How to Run a Meeting” (Belson) and “Effective Communications Skills” (Hopkins). The PACE presentation (Sadowski) promoted future participation at the 2007 IEEE USA Leadership meeting. Funding opportunities for this and all Region 1 PACE projects were detailed. We are seeing about a 10% cutback from last year’s budget of \$13,000.

Region 1 Section Activities

The following is a sampling of recent local activities being offered to members in support of their careers.

Berkshire (MA) Section

Local job postings are being conditionally accepted and posted on the section’s website. There is also a link to www.berkshirecareers.com.

Binghamton (NY) Section

The section and SUNY Binghamton are holding a full day Student Professional Awareness and Leadership Conference on Friday October 27th. Topics / presentations include Effective Career Management, Effective Communications Skills, Ethics, Project Management Principles, Lifetime Learning and Technical Leadership.

Boston Section

The Boston Section has an active Consultants Network. Recent presentations included Innovation and Leadership in Today’s Multi-generational Workforce, Strategic Alliance and Partnerships.

Buffalo Section

The Buffalo Section newsletter features reprints and links to articles about surviving in the corporate world, working in dysfunction and chaos, staying at a bad new job, picking a good boss.

Connecticut Section

The Connecticut Section website uses syndicated news feeds to allow members to “subscribe” to information of interest. Service is provided by FeedBurner. Suggest that ECS explore this method of information delivery. It is also known as podcasting.

Long Island Section

The Long Island Section has an active Consultants Network. Their website provides a consultant search and post function along with a resource finder. They also host continuing education events that offer credits for PEs.

Maine Section

The Maine Section promotes the IEEE mentoring connection in its newsletters.

Mohawk Valley Section

The Mohawk Valley Section continues to promote continuing education and professional competency events independently and in conjunction with Utica College.

New Hampshire Section

The New Hampshire Section is providing certification programs for Software Development Professionals. They have a continuing series in their newsletter where members detail “How I Became an Engineer”.

New Jersey Coast Section

The New Jersey Coast Section website posts direct hire job announcements. The section has an active Consultants Network. Their Electronic Devices Chapter has a video lending library.

New York Section

The New York Section is kicking off their own Consultants Network using the LI/North Jersey model. The section hosted a presentation and posted an article on Talent Challenges in the Power Engineering Industry.

North Jersey Section

The North Jersey Section has an active Consultants Network. They also have an on-going monthly PACE/GOLD meeting that is entirely for networking, socializing. Other area professional organizations are invited and participate.

They also offer "Section Courses". A current offering is on Project Management. It is 8 weekly evening meetings. Member cost is \$400.00.

Princeton / Central Jersey

The Princeton / Central Jersey section website posts local job postings. They recently have had presentations on Effective Presentations, Time Management and Consulting.

Providence Section

Recent presentations included a Leadership Skills Workshop (Dr. Rubenstein) and Applied Ethics.

Rochester Section

The Rochester Section hosted its annual Rochester Engineering Symposium. The day long event provides presentations providing PDH credits. Ethics and the Professional Engineer was one of the topics.

Schenectady Section

A presentation in the Schenectady Section recently provided a historical perspective of technical innovation – Communications Across the Atlantic.

Syracuse Section

The Syracuse Section is hosting their annual CNY Engineering Expo on November 6th. Most sessions are eligible for PDH credits. The section also promotes PE/FE Exam Reviews and Courses. They also promote upcoming IEEE on-line webinars.

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