

IEEE-USA
Region I Employment & Career Activities
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I will be attending the Region I Winter Meeting in Newark on March 20 which is a conflict with the IEEE-USA E&CS meeting being held in San Diego.

I attended the November 14, 2009 Meeting of the E&CS and as a follow up action, an employment questionnaire was sent to Region I Members thanks to Past Director Howard Michel. Apparently only Regions 1 & 5 had support for e-mailing to the Region, R1 had 779 respondents at 50%. One criticism of the survey we heard was there was no category for retired members. Summarizing, 52% were employed and feeling secure, 27% were employed but insecure in their position and 21% were unemployed.

The main points that respondents would like to see from IEEE-USA were:

Lobby and advocate for regulations and policies that support US innovation and technology careers 46%

Organize career / job search information from a single entry point. 41%

Provide information on what skills are needed for new jobs and an introduction to those topics or skills – e.g., Green Energy, BioMed 40%

I have yet to translate any of this into a concrete action plan.