IEEE Cedar Rapids Section held its annual professional Conference on Tuesday May 19, 2015. The event was a great success. This year 69 people attended the event, compared to 44 attendees last year. This year speakers Cinda Voegtli, SMIEEE, BSEE, Founder and CEO of ProjectConnections.com and Dr. Ginger Levin a Senior Consultant, Author, and Educator in Project Management did a great job. Thank you to ProCon committee, speakers and all the participants for another successful ProCon.

Ethan Trepka awarded an Achievement Award by the Cedar rapids IEEE Section

The Cedar Rapids Section awarded an achievement award to Ethan Trepka, a Senior at Iowa City West HS, at the Eastern Iowa Science & Engineering Fair. Ethan’s project was investigation of efficiency for wind turbines. Ethan also was one of the students chosen to represent the fair at the International Science & Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh in May.

Young Professionals updates

The Young Professionals have started off the year with a meet and greet event in May at Gus’ in Coralville. In July, we hosted a financial planning workshop presented by Chris Moen and Brian Bergquist from Hills Bank in North Liberty. The workshop covered topics such as retirement planning, budgeting, home financing, and credit. Our next event will be in September, and will be a combined get-together with the University of Iowa IEEE students. It will be held in downtown Iowa City, and there will be more details to come soon. We’re excited to help bring together young professionals in the area and are looking to expand our chapter.

Young Professionals Chair

Meredith Godar

Meredith is a Software Engineer at Innovative Software Engineering in Coralville, Iowa. Her team is currently focused on streaming data and cloud based software solutions. Meredith graduated in May 2014 from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical and computer engineering. Her focus area was software engineering. She minored in mathematics and computer science, and she has a certificate in sustainability. Meredith was brought on to Young Professionals as a co-chair with Kevin Tholen, and is now the Young Professionals chair, as Kevin has pursued a job opportunity in Minnesota.

Upcoming Events

Excom Meeting

July 23, 2015

Learn LabVIEW seminar

August 20, 2015

IF YOU DIDN’T RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE, CONSIDER DOING SO!

Our next Excom is on July 23, 2015. All are welcome. Please Contact Raman Aravamudhan to attend or visit http://www.ieee-cr-section.org/ for more details.

The Cedar Rapids Section of the IEEE is actively seeking volunteers! If you’re interested in volunteering in any capacity please contact one of the 2015 officers.

The Cedar Rapids Section is now on LinkedIn! Click to join.

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To submit your announcement to Corona, email: Elizabeth.Kleiman.US@ieee.org

Submissions for next edition are due October 1.
Learn LabVIEW in Six Hours

This six-hour seminar discusses how to solve problems with LabVIEW and aims to make users more comfortable and familiar with the LabVIEW environment and concepts including acquiring, saving and loading data, finding and using math and complex analysis functions, working with data types, and displaying and printing results.

Thursday, August 20 from 9 AM - 4 PM Kirkwood Community College

During this seminar, you will:
- Use LabVIEW to create applications
- Understand front panels, block diagrams, icons and connector panes
- Use built-in LabVIEW functions
- Create and save programs in LabVIEW

Who will benefit from this seminar:
- Engineers, Scientists, Technicians, STEM Instructors, Rockwell Collins employees, John Deere employees, IEEE members and Kirkwood Community College students and faculty

Registration Fees (includes continental breakfast and lunch):
- IEEE Members: $20
- Non-members: $40
- Students: $10

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