



The Current Source

Newsletter of the Schenectady Section of the IEEE

Greetings from the Schenectady Section Chair

Welcome to the restoration of *The Current Source*, our Schenectady Section IEEE newsletter. For those of you that remember the newsletter, it was produced quarterly to serve the membership with news of upcoming events and articles of interest. Due to a lack of support, we were forced to suspend publication of the newsletter several years ago. The past year our call for volunteers was greeted with tremendous success. Through the efforts of one of those volunteers, Sri Pillutla, we are thrilled to be able to revive its publication.

In addition to Sri, we have welcomed a number of new volunteers into the organization. Please join me in welcoming Kutty Nair as Awards Chair, who will oversee the recognition of local membership through the IEEE Awards program; Shadrack

Orero and Bassil Youakim as Power Engineering Society Chapter Vice-Chairs, who will assist with the administration of programs and activities for chapter membership; Ray Lee as Microwave Theory and Techniques Chapter, who stepped in to save the chapter from dissolution and will promote programs and activities for the chapter membership; and Jagdish Gajjar as Steinmetz Chair, who will coordinate the annual Steinmetz Lecture.

For those of you that may be interested in volunteering, we have a number of open needs within the Section. In particular, we are interested in identifying an individual for the position of PACE (Professional Activities Committees for Engineers) Chair. This organization is a network of IEEE membership whose purpose is to "promote the professional inter-

ests of IEEE U.S. members and provides a mechanism for communication of members' views on their professional needs." For more information on current chapter volunteer needs or to offer your time to fill those needs please visit the Section website (www.ieee.org/schenectady) or contact me at r.pike@ieee.org or 356-6156.

Accompanying the new volunteers has been a series of proposals to expand the active society chapters within the Schenectady Section. We currently have active chapters for the Power Engineering Society, Computer Society, Industrial Applications Society and the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society.

The new chapters being proposed include Engineering Management Society, Antennas and Propagation Society, and a Life Member Chapter. As these chapters progress through the formation stages we will bring you more news on their activities. To express interest in these

chapters (or maybe volunteer) please contact the following:

- Engineering Management Society Chapter—Sameh Salem, sameh.salem@ps.ge.com or 385-0931
- Antennas and Propagation Society Chapter—Ray Lee, ray.lee@crd.ge.com or 387-7357
- Life Member Chapter—Kutty Nair, kuttynair@ieee.org or 385-5143

While we have seen a recent infusion of new ideas and energy, we would welcome your thoughts and suggestions for improving the services we are offering and suggestions for topics of discussion. Suggestions and offers can be submitted at any time to any of the section volunteers. Remember to keep an eye on the website as information is readily posted on upcoming events of interest.

—Robb Pike

From the Past Chair:

I'd like to thank everyone who helped plan, who volunteered, or who attended a Section event during the past year. Meeting and working with the IEEE members who live and work close by is what makes IEEE membership worthwhile for me. I hope you found some value in the events that occurred! As always, suggestions and offers for help are welcome! Thanks.

—Rebecca Nold

Nominations sought for IEEE awards

The IEEE Awards Board is inviting nominations from IEEE Sections, Societies, and individual members for medals, recognition, and prize

papers to be presented in 2003.

The Institute of December 2001 has a section that details various awards given by IEEE. In addition to these, there