Dear colleagues,

Cristian Linte is working on the next JCM, to be held on December 9th. This is in lieu of the volunteer recognition meetings that were traditionally held at that time. We are looking at NEXTCORP as a possible venue.

I will be giving a keynote at the 2019 IEEE MIT Undergraduate Research Technology Conference (October 11-13, 2019). The talk is entitled *Morphing Smartphones into Rudimentary Medical Devices for Low- and Middle-Income Countries*.

I hope that all the IEEE members have cast their vote for the Region-elections. It is important to cast your votes in all IEEE elections. Since many of our members do not seem to vote, your vote, at https://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/election/index.html, makes a big difference.


Our next EXCOM meeting, of all the leaders of the Section, Chapters, and Groups, is on Tuesday, October 1st, 11:50 – 13:00, at Tandoor of India.
October EX-COM Meeting (continued)

We will review plans for upcoming Rochester meetings within our section, chapters, and groups. If you are looking to become more engaged in IEEE in the Rochester Section, or would like to network with fellow engineers over lunch, please attend this meeting. This meeting is open to all IEEE members, and all are welcome.

Membership News

The July 2019 Region 1 membership report is out, with sobering figures on Region 1 membership. Our total membership is 26,724 (3,026 student members, 23,698 higher-grade members). This is a 4% reduction from 2018. Worldwide membership is 371,017, down 1.1% from 2018.

Region 1 membership retention is at 81.5%: 22,353 members have renewed (1,211, or 41% students, and 21,142, or 84% higher-grade members).

2019 recruitment is 3,358 members, down 3.2% from 2018. This breaks down to 2,364 student members and 994 higher grade members.

Finally, in 2019 there have been 1,019 members reinstated in Region 1.

In our section, 648 higher grade and 56 student members have renewed, representing 82% renewal rate. We have 102 new members (last year we had 104 new members) and are 82% of the way to our goal of 125 new members. There are 851 active members vs. 859 in 2018, a change of -1%.

IEEE Day, October 1st, celebrates the first meeting of engineers and IEEE members back in 1884. The https://ieeeday.org/ website is being created to provide volunteer with an “IEEE Day in a Box” planning kit.

In other news, IEEE has consolidated continuing education program listings onto one website: iln.ieee.org. The website currently has 182 courses in Power and Energy Engineering, 89 courses about Emerging Technologies, such as cyber security, IoT (the Internet of Things), and artificial intelligence, and 65 courses about Telecommunications Engineering.

IEEE Rochester Section Events

For current information and registration links for our events, see http://sites.ieee.org/rochester/

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