Meetings

PES/IAS Meetings

It will soon be that time of year again. In order to plan your calendars early, below is the list of PES early fall meetings.

**September 17**
Tour of GE Repair shop. Tour topics will include the repair of motors, generators, transformers, breakers and turbines. Tour will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**October 15**
Tour of Easter Owens facility. Topics of tour will include NEMA ratings, UL listing and Industrial control systems. Tour will start at 5:30 p.m. and include a snack.

**November 19**
Tour of National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) facility in Golden. Tour will begin at 5:30 p.m.

PES/IAS meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of the month September through May excluding December. All participants are requested to sign up in advance by calling Barbara Linton at (303) 388-6322.

EMC Society Meetings

**August 24-28, 1998**
1998 International IEEE Symposium
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado
Call Barry Wallin @ (303) 692-6600.

**October 20, 1998**
Robert Dockey will speak on "Reducing PCB Common-Mode Radiation. At NIST in Boulder, 7:00 p.m. Call Joe Kramer @ (303) 402-5272 for more information.

**December 8, 1998**
Vendor Night/Dinner
At the Raintree Plaza in Long-mont, 6:00 p.m. For reservations and more details call Joe Kramer @ (303) 402-5272.

Sitting in the Chair
by Ron Delyser

Each year the Denver Section holds it's annual Chapter Officers Training Session. For the past few years, it has be held at the Doubletree Hotel on the Denver/Boulder Turnpike. The Chapter Officers Training Session is a communication tool the Denver Section developed many years ago to help improve communications between the Denver Section and the Society Chapters. The training session brings together Denver Section Officers and Committee Chairs with Society Chapter Officers. Many of us communicate with continued on page 2
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acceptable to the Regional Director and the Society President(s). (2) A Chapter shall submit annually a meeting report and a roster of officers to the IEEE Regional Activities Department.

Chapters not reporting for three years will be removed from the active list by the Regional Activities Board. Future efforts to reestablish a dissolved Chapter will require a new petition and approval by the Regional Director and Society President.

Another Chapter that remains without officers is the Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society Chapter. Presumably, this chapter will soon be given the same warning of dislikishment. Members of the Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society, the Information Theory Society, the Computer Society, or the Components, Packaging & Manufacturing Technology Society who would like to revitalize these Chapters should contact John Tucolas at 303-798-5769 or email him at jct.ucalas@ieee.org.

The Denver Section Executive Board also has some unfilled positions. They are Pre-College Student Activities, Student Fund, Professional Activities, Professional/Industry Liaison, Finance, and Publicity. This number of unfilled positions is substantial and will become more serious next year as we lose a few more of our Executive Board Members. As if all of that isn’t enough, the Centennial Subsection is also without officers.

If this sound like I am begging for more of you to take an active role in the IEEE, your organization, which also happens to be the largest professional organization in the world, I am. WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you are interested in any of the above positions in the section or in revitalizing the Centennial Subsection, please contact me at 303-671-2034, or email me at edysey@du.edu. You may also contact any of our Executive Board Officers listed on the back of this Overlook.

Denver Section Awards
by Bob Struthers, Denver Section Awards Chair

The Denver Section presents awards at its May meeting to recognize outstanding achievements of persons and organizations working in or near the Denver Section.

In 1998, awards were presented at the May 21 meeting, which was held as a joint meeting with the PBS/IAS chapter. The speaker at the meeting was John Horak, who made a presentation titled “Loadshedding & Power Plant Stability Using Frequency Relaying”. A tour of RTD light rail maintenance facility was held following the meeting.

John Martin was presented the Regional Activities Board Leadership Award for his outstanding leadership as the Chair of the Sections Congress ’96 organizing committee.

Denver Section awards were presented to the following deserving recipients:

Section Service Award
Marilyn Peterson

Outstanding Student Chapter
Laser and Electro-Optics Society Chapter

Outstanding Student Branch
University of Denver

Chapter chairpersons who attend the meeting were presented a plaque in appreciation for their service during the 1997 year.

The following student paper authors were recognized for winning papers presented at the Region 5 conference:

Tee Wee Ang
University of Denver

Angie Monheim
South Dakota School of Mines

Michael Zinnanti
University of Denver

The awards committee requests input from all Denver Section members, and nominations for award candidates are welcome from individuals, Chapters, or Professional Societies. Four awards are presented based on the following criteria:

The John Peebles Professional Award is presented in the name of John Peebles to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service and exceptional leadership and influence in the engineering profession. This award is made based on nominations solicited from the Denver section and other professional societies in the Denver Section geographic area. The recipient of this award receives an engraved walnut and bronze plaque. This award is not necessarily presented each year.

The Section Service Award is presented annually to a Denver section member who has provided exceptional service to the Denver Section over an extended number of years (usually in excess of 10 years). The recipient of this award receives a check in the amount of $100 and an engraved walnut and bronze plaque.

The Outstanding Chapter and Outstanding Student Branch awards are presented annually to the Society Chapter and Student Branch which have demonstrated exceptional outreach to their member, including number and quality of technical meetings and tutorials, membership growth, student paper contest participation and quality and timeliness of meeting reports. Each of these annual winners receives a check in the amount of $100 and an engraved plaque.

How to Prepare for a Job Interview
by Ken Doniger, Employment Assistance Coordinator, Region 6

The Interview! It’s the only thing that stands between you and the job you want. Sought after, yet feared, interviews are necessary (at least for most of us) part of the employment process. The best way to take the terror out of the experience is to prepare for it. This article is a short guide to interview preparation.

Interviews fall into four major categories depending on how the interview is conducted, and what the interviewer is looking for. An interview can be conducted in an informal manner, much like a conversation between colleagues. Conversely, the interviewer might ask questions from a list and make written notes. This is known as a structured interview. The interviewer might only be interested in job skills, or the emphasis might be on personality traits (for example: is this person easy to work with? Is he/she hardworking?). The various combinations of structured vs. unstructured and skills vs. personality lead to the four major categories. Generally, an interview not a pure type, but a mix.

There is one type of interview that has been developed fairly recently known as behavior-based interviewing. It is structured, skill based style that assumes past behavior is a good predictor of future performance (unlike the stock market). This type of interview has been shown to be effective, however it takes a lot of preparation on the part of the interviewer. You will know that you are having this type of interview when questions start that: “Give me an example of a time when you...” The candidate must then answer the question by giving a specific example from his or her own past. Preparing for this type of interview will

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prepare you for any of the other three types.

Although this article is too short to describe thoroughly how to prepare for a behavior-based interview, I can sketch in the main elements.

Because the answers to questions in a behavior-based interview are based on your past experience, the first and most important step in preparation is self assessment. The goal is to gather ten to twenty stories about yourself that will illustrate (in a positive way) your work related skills and values.

* Evaluate your personality traits. This includes interpersonal style, level of emotion, conscientiousness, and willingness to try new things.
* Evaluate your values. This includes social values, work values (for example the need to seek or avoid challenges), and commitment to ethical principals.

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### A New Benefit for Members

Is your email alias longer than your snail mail address? Do you have trouble fitting all of it on your business card? If you are an IEEE member - (and your probably are if you are reading this) - IEEE is offering a new member benefit: an email alias to each current member.

Affiliates are not eligible for this benefit. An IEEE alias is easy to remember, and identifies you as a member to other email correspondents. Even better, this service includes free virus scanning of attachments on those emails ending with @ieee.org. (The scanning tool is updated weekly to protect you from the latest virus.) Best of all, if you move, it moves with you. In other words, if you change providers/jobs/names, you update your own contact information - no waiting, no worries.

You can apply for your own IEEE alias via eWeb or email. To use the Web, go to www.ieee.org/eleccomm and click on the IEEE Alias Service Overview. Click on IEEE Alias Request, then complete the form. To apply by email, send an email message to aliasinfo@ieee.org. You will receive an autoresponse message with instructions. You have only to send back the information requested in the proper format and your alias will be established.

Please remember that it is each member's responsibility to make sure that his/her alias points to an active, viable email address. Failure to maintain your IEEE membership and/or the vitality of the alias will result in termination of the benefit.

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### IEEE-USA Statement on White House H1-B Proposal

WASHINGTON, July 31 - IEEE-USA reacted today to the Administration's proposed revisions to the H-1B "compromise" bill. House leaders had planned a vote on H.R. 736 this morning but the legislation was pulled following a Presidential veto threat yesterday afternoon. The White House issued today a 15-point list of revisions that it said were necessary for the President to sign the bill.

Following is the statement by IEEE-USA President Dr. John R. Reinert:

"The White House proposal is a step in the right direction. The amount and the term of the increase in H-1B admissions is not as bad as what the House would have voted on today, and there are beneficial new provisions that would improve educational and training opportunities for U.S. citizens, add teeth to enforcement, and provide some protections for H-1B workers."

"However, the Administration proposal exempts most employers from the worker safeguards, and we fail to see why all workers shouldn't be equally protected from abuses of the H-1B program. Furthermore, we continue to question the need for any increases in H-1B admissions, especially at a time of mounting layoffs in the high-tech industry and a recent surge in unemployment of technical professionals."

"We urge Congress and the White House to forge legislation that accommodates the legitimate needs of industry without trampling on the career opportunities of U.S.- and foreign-born technical professionals."

IEEE-USA promotes the careers and public-policy interests of the 220,000 U.S. members of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the world's largest technical professional society.
IEEE Calls for 1999 IEEE Heinrich Hertz Medal Nominations

PISCATAWAY, N.J. - July 1, 1998 -- The IEEE Awards Board has opened nominations for the 1999 IEEE Heinrich Hertz Medal. Sponsored by the IEEE Foundation, the medal is one of the highest awards bestowed by the IEEE Board of Directors. It is presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding achievements in hertzian (radio) waves. The award consists of a gold medal, bronze replica, certificate and a cash prize.

The deadline for submission of nominations is 1 October 1998. Members can obtain and submit nomination forms through the IEEE Awards/Fellow/Committee Activities Web site at www.ieee.org/awards. Forms also can be obtained and submitted by email to awards@ieee.org. Printed nomination forms also are available.

The Awards Web site provides more information about the IEEE Heinrich Hertz Medal, including a list of past recipients, and information about all other Institute-level awards.

Address questions to: IEEE Awards Department, 445 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ, USA 08855-1331; tel.: 732-562-3840; fax: 732-981-9019.

IEEE-USA Offers Free Electrotechnology Career Vitality Packets

WASHINGTON, July 22, 1998 -- IEEE-USA has released a free career vitality packet outlining its extensive career-development and employment-assistance services for professionals in the electrotechnology and information-technology communities. The packet is designed to serve human resource professionals as well as individual students, IEEE members and other electrical, electronic and computer engineers and computer scientists.

The packet's contents include detailed information on the Engineer's Guide to Lifelong Employment and Information, the IEEE-USA Salary Survey and personal Salary Benchmarks workbook, IEEE-USA’s employment and job-listing services, the National Directory of Electrotechnology and Information Technology Consultants, plus a free copy of Today's Engineer magazine -- the only publication devoted exclusively to the professional development of engineers of all disciplines.

Today's Engineer Debuts Web Version and Free Offer

WASHINGTON, July 2, 1998 -- TODAY'S ENGINEER magazine has unveiled an electronic version and a package of new offers designed to make the publication more accessible to IEEE members. Today's Engineer magazine has been published since 1977. The new Web version, which began publication this year, has over 50,000 worldwide. The magazine's first four quarterly issues are now on-line and are being offered free to new members who complete a short registration form on the site at URL <http://www.todayengineer.org>.

"Although Today's Engineer is aimed at engineers of all disciplines, it is published by IEEE-USA, which has a mandate from the IEEE Board to disseminate this valuable resource to members both here in the United States and worldwide," said Editor-in-Chief Gerald (Gus) Gaylor. "Our new Web version contains all of the content of the printed version and will be simultaneously available -- at the click of a mouse button -- to readers all over the globe."

"Today's Engineer" magazine is available on-line free to new members, providing everything they need to know about career opportunities. A new feature allows surfers to enter their subscription information online via secure credit-card transactions. For those who prefer to order by phone, the same offers are available by calling 1-800-676-IEEE or 1-732-981-0060 and asking for product no. PB-331.

National Engineers Week Announces 1999 Billboard Campaign

Washington, July 17, 1998 -- For its 1999 celebration, the National Engineers Week Committee will again take the message that "Engineers Turn Ideas into Reality" to the streets and the highways through its Outdoor Advertising Campaign. The goal of the program, which will be led by Sections and Student Branches of engineering societies around the country, is to place a public-service announcement involving engineers on a minimum of 100 billboards during the month of February.

The campaign has a dual purpose: to increase grassroots involvement in National Engineers Week, particularly among undergraduate engineering students; and to make a broader audience aware of the week-long celebration and the technological achievements it honors.

The program works as follows: First, Sections should contact National Engineers Week and request an Outdoor Advertising Campaign kit. Then, they should identify one (or several) billboards or other prominent public advertising spaces within their community, identify the agency which rents out the space, and call or write to the agency asking to secure it for February 1999. Once the space is secured, the group will mail to National Engineers Week headquarters a reservation form, providing all of the details on where and when the materials should be delivered, no later than Dec. 15. Headquarters will provide the artwork and will mail the completed materials directly to the agency.

For 1999, the campaign again use the theme "Engineers: Turning Ideas Into Reality," with artwork portraying engineers as hands-on problem solvers. Each poster will contain a tagline stating, "This message brought to you by the National Engineers Week Committee and . . .," with the name of the sponsoring Section or group, giving the ad more of a local focus and providing a plug for the group doing the work.

The Outdoor Advertising Campaign planning packet will be available by early fall. To reserve a packet, write to National Engineers Week, P.O. Box 1020, Sewickley, PA 15143, or email to eewweekOrg@keidlnt.com. For more information on National Engineers Week 1999, to be celebrated Feb. 21-27, see URL <http://www.eweek.org>.

Finished Grad School? Here's What Companies Deem You're Worth

Did you finally get that master's you've been working on? Are you considering a graduate degree? What is your advanced degree worth these days, anyway? IEEE-USA's Workforce Committee recently released figures showing the 1998 average beginning salary offers for engineers and computer scientists. IEEE-USA bases its information on surveys the National Association of Colleges and Employers (formerly the College Placement Council) conducts annually. Here's a summary of starting salary offers for electrical, electronics and computer engineers:

- Master's degree candidates (by curriculum):
  - Electrical and electronics engineering: $49,792
  - Computer science: $47,770

- Doctoral degree candidates (by curriculum):
  - Electrical and electronics engineering: $69,750
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