Region 2; R2; Eastern USA

R20001  Akron Section
Mr. K. James Phillips, Jr.

December 9, 1992

Dear Mr. Phillips:

On behalf of IEEE General Manager John H. Powers, we would like to inform you that the requirements of the IEEE Bylaws have been met, and the merger of the Canton Section into the Akron Section has been approved. The effective date of this Section change is December 4, 1992.

At this time we are recording you as the Akron Section Chairman. When an election has been held, please use the enclosed Officer Confirmation form to report the officers to IEEE. The Geocode for the Akron Section will remain 02 00 01, please use this on all correspondence. If we can assist you in any way in the planning of the Section activities please let us know.

We extend our best wishes for the successful operation of this Section.

Sincerely,

Melvin I. Olken
Staff Director
Field Services

cc: Luis Gandia - Vice President for Regional Activities
    Charles Alexander - Region 2 Director
    James Burghart - Region 2 Secretary
    Paul Forquer - Canton Section Past Chairman
    Terry Burns - Field Services

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Peggy Walsh
IEEE Section/Chapter Support

FROM: James H. Burghart
Region 2 Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of September Region 2 Committee Meeting

April 15, 1993

You asked me last Fall for a copy of the minutes of the Region 2 Committee meeting held in Philadelphia in September. You requested these minutes in order to complete the documentation needed for the Canton/Akron section merger.

The minutes you requested have now been completed and are enclosed. These minutes were approved by the Region 2 Committee on March 27, 1993. The item concerning the merger appears at the bottom of page 3.

Please let me know if there is any other way I may assist you.

Enclosure
financial status of the region ensued. Student Activities are paid out of region funds. Dave Young asked about expenditures. It was moved (Middleton) and seconded (Patena) that the treasurer's report be received. The motion passed.

Reports of Area, Section and Council Chairmen

Area, Section and Council chairmen gave reports as listed below. Those marked with asterisks(*) have provided written reports which are on file with the secretary.

East Area - Mary-Ann Boyce presented a report on this area.
  *Delaware Bay - Jay Priester, Chairman
  *Lehigh Valley - Warren Guy, Secretary
  *Philadelphia - Walter Schoppe, Chairman
  Southern New Jersey - Dot Buckanin, Treasurer

South Area - Hans Cherney presented a report on this area.
  *National Capital Area Council - Ed Walker presented his report. The Job Fairs have been successful
  *Washington - Jim Gatlin, Chairman
  *Northern VA - David Young, Chairman
  Baltimore - Kate Carus, Treasurer
  *West Virginia Mersten, Chairman

West Central Area - Pieter Cath / Lynn Carpenter
  *Central Pennsylvania, Secretary/Treasurer
  *Erie - Mehmet Cultu, Chairman
  *Pittsburgh - Joseph Kalasky, Chairman (Attachment 3)

Discussion followed regarding the motion suggested in Mr. Kalasky's report concerning the funding of sections. Hans Cherney wants some way to help in emergency situations. Bill Middleton pointed out that the allocation for Sections has remained the same, about $200,000.

  *Sharon - Paul Mullins, Chairman

Pieter Cath next described the PACE workshop on May 30 in Cleveland. Four speakers included Mary-Ann Boyce and Chuck Alexander.

  *Akron - Jim Phillips, Chairman

They changed the speaker selection procedure to get better speakers and held meetings in the same central place downtown.

Discussion about combining the Akron and Canton sections followed. Art Van Gelder moved that the Akron and Canton sections be merged and Mary-Ann Boyce seconded it. It passed unanimously with no abstentions. The combined section is to be known as the Akron section.
Secretary's Note

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Lynn Carpenter who filled in for me as interim secretary when I was unable to attend this meeting at the last minute due to illness. Lynn prepared a draft of these minutes from his notes, and I prepared this version through editing his draft of the minutes, usually very minor editing. We all know that this is not the ideal way to prepare meeting minutes, but I think through Lynn's help we have done quite well. Please give me any corrections you may have.

James H. Burghart

September 19, 1992

Opening - Chuck Alexander

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by the Chairman, Chuck Alexander. Chuck welcomed everyone to Philadelphia and asked those present to introduce themselves. 34 people were present. Gerry Gordon and Mike Patena, PACE co-chairmen, asked for a list of PACE chairmen for each section.

Address - Martha Sloan - IEEE President Elect

Chuck introduced Martha Sloan who presented some ideas on strategic planning for the IEEE, some of which are controversial. Several major trends were identified. The IEEE should have a more market-oriented environment. The IEEE leadership should have the vision to use more of our own technology. It must have a global vision of operations and decentralize services to members. It must educate its members for long career missions. It must explain the vision of technology to the public. More women are needed in engineering. The IEEE needs to reach agreement with other organizations in electronic publishing.

Although the IEEE does a good job for the academic and research communities, it is less successful with the working engineer. Its products and services must be more market driven and efficient. A downsizing of the Board of Directors from 33 to 12 elected directors has been proposed. The function and responsibilities of the technical and regional members needs to be integrated. A U.S. national society needs to be developed as membership becomes more international. Information needs to be made available in electronic form. Precollege education must be improved. Financial
DATE: Sept 3, 1992

TO: Gloria Gutwein / Ennica Romen

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FOR YOUR ATTENTION. What 7
Ms. Gloria Gutwein
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Dear Ms. Gutwein:

The Akron and Canton Sections of the IEEE are planning a merger of the two sections. The Canton Section, although presently meeting the requirements of an active section, has been led by a small group of dedicated individuals for the past several years. These individuals have done a good job at holding the Canton section together, but they have decided they will not continue when their terms in office expire on December 31, 1992, and have proposed that they merge with the Akron Section.

The cities of Akron and Canton have grown together over the past several decades and are now one large metropolitan area. Many members of the Akron Section live in the Canton Section. The officers of both sections have met to discuss the details that follow:

- The name will remain as AKRON Section
- An audit committee will be appointed to review the financial records of both sections prior to the merger to oversee the consolidation of both section's treasuries
- The merger will be effective January 1, 1993
- Voting will be conducted at each section's September and October meetings to obtain the input of members
Ms. Gloria Gutwein

I would appreciate any assistance and guidance you could provide on how to proceed with the merger. We would like this issue to be addressed in time for the December 3rd and 4th RAB meeting.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

K. James Phillips, Jr.
Chairman, Akron Section IEEE

cc: Dr. Charles K. Alexander, Jr.
7/28/92

Jim Phillip Akron Section Vice Chairman

Called today to tell me the Canton Section has requested to be merged with the Akron Section. The Officers of the Canton Section feel they are pretty much burned out and would like to merge with Akron before the Section really falls apart.

Jim feels most of the Membership is very enthusiastic about the news, and geographically the membership pretty much are integrated by either working or living in the opposite of whatever Section they might be affiliated with as an IEEE Member. Jim and the Akron Section Executive Officers have very strong feelings about maintaining the Akron Section name, thereby absorbing the Canton Section.

The two Section Executive Officer Committees plan on meeting this week to hash out what would be best for both Sections. Jim will report the results of this meeting and keep us informed.

Gloria
To: Peggy Walsh, Fax 908-483-3657

Peggy, The following is the letter that I composed and copied to Gloria Gutwein.

Regards,
Paul Farquar

September 11, 1992

Mr. Chuck Alexander
Director, IEEE Region 2

Subject: Canton - Akron Sections Merger

Dear Mr. Alexander,

This letter is to explain the reasons behind the merger of the Akron and Canton IEEE Sections. I agreed to become chairman of the Canton Section this year with my goal of arranging the merger. The reasons are really very simple, I will here detail them. I joked at the time that it is rare for somebody to agree to Chair an organization for the purpose of demanding it, but it is my contention that the local membership will be better served by the merger.

The Akron and Canton Section Executive boards have met and worked out the details of the merger. We are having our first joint meeting of the general membership on September 15.

I have been a member of the Canton Section for several years and have watched its steady decline. There are two main reasons for this. The main reason is that the largest supporter of the Canton Section was American Electric Power (AEP). AEP has moved to Columbus, Ohio leaving a large hole in the section. Traditionally local sections have relied on local power companies for their base of support. While will still have Ohio Power here in town it has become apparent that the base is not large enough to support the section properly.

The second reason is the general decline in industry in the Canton and Akron area. Canton has lost a major automotive plant (Ford) as well as seen the general decline of the steel industry from what it was. The decline of the rubber industry in Akron is well known.
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On the positive side, there are many good reasons for combining the Sections. There will be a healthy mix of ideas between two power companies, Ohio Power and Ohio Edison. The sections have grown together geographically from the times of their origin. It is a 20 minute drive from Akron to Canton.

The larger base of membership will provide a much more solid core of volunteers that is required to keep a section healthy. Comparing notes with the Akron Section it has been a historical fact that about 5% of the membership takes part in local section activities. It is our understanding that this is reflected nationwide as well.

Attached are the last three Canton Newsletters in which I have published the merger announcement. I have not had a single negative response.

Please let me know if there is any other information that you would like concerning these plans. I am confident that these merger plans are in the best interest of both Sections.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Forquer P.E.
Chairman, Canton Section IEEE

cc: J. Phillips, Chairman, Akron Section IEEE
Canton IEEE Section Executive Board
Gloria Gutwein, IEEE
TO: K. James Phillips, Jr.  DATE: September 18, 1992

FROM: Peggy Walsh
Section/Chapter Support
IEEE Field Services

SUBJECT: Merger of the Canton And Akron Sections

We are happy to inform you that the merger of the Canton and Akron Sections is in progress. It will be presented to the Regional Activities Board for approval at its next meeting, in December.

cc: Luis Gandia - Vice President for Regional Activities
Charles K. Alexander - Region 2 Director
Paul Forquer - Canton Section Chairman
Irving Engelson - Technical Activities Staff Director
Melvin Olken - Field Services Staff Director
Terry Burns - Field Services Manager
Mary Ann Hoffman - Field Services, Admin. Manager
Gloria Gutwein - Section/Chapter Support Supervisor