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Newsletter of the New Hampshire Section
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1. Rob Geoffroy, Section Chair, is in Iraq

Our intrepid Chair is with the New Hampshire 174th Field Artillery in Iraq. Rob has been in Iraq since March. He spends much of his time at LSA Anaconda and appears to have found a niche as a communications guru. Rob is a microwave engineer by training and I am sure his fellow soldiers are glad he is with them.

You can email Rob, or get on his email list to receive his weekly email, at rob.geoffroy@us.army.mil

2. Sunapee Boat Cruise

Madeleine Lowe, Section Treasurer, has set up a cruise on the MV Mt Sunapee for September 12. The cruise was set up for 50 people, which the Executive Board thought might be too many. As it turned out all fifty seats were taken immediately. Congratulations to Madeleine for the idea and its implementation.

3. Annual Banquet (November 4th)

The Annual Banquet will be held November 4th at the Yard Restaurant in Manchester. We are building on the successful Awards Banquet that Rob Geoffroy pulled together last year. This year selection of Chapter Chairs and nomination of Section Officers will be added to the event. This should add only a little business to the nights events. More information will be posted on the banquet as the Executive Board finalizes the plans.

The selection of chapter chairs will take place at tables temporarily set aside for the four chapters. When members sign in for the banquet they will be asked to attend the selection process if they are a member of one of the chapters. One half hour will be allotted to the selection process. Hopefully, this approach will open the chairs up to a wider membership. Please keep in mind the only responsibility of a Chapter Chair is to organize a minimum of two events a year. The NH Section and the IEEE both have resources to aid Chapter Chairs in setting up events. The Section receives a kickback of up to \$600 for each active Chapter. These funds are available for chapter activities, and the Section may supplement these funds if a chapter requests it. The Bylaws of the Section require annual election of the Section Chair, Section Vice-chair, Section Treasurer, and Section Secretary by the general membership. The bylaws create a Nominations Committee with two members who are not officers or running for an office.

This committee will then take nominations from the membership, check that the nominee meets the requirements of the bylaws and pass the names to the Section Executive Committee.

At the discretion of the Nomination Committee nominations may be accepted at the Banquet. The names of nominees for Section Office will be announced by the Nominations Committee at the Banquet.

4. Brian Box and Chuck Furcanti volunteer for Nominations Committee

Brian Box and Chuck Furciniti volunteered for and were approved as members of the Nominating Committee at the general membership meeting held after the AES Granite Ridge tour in June. All nominations for the four Section Offices should be submitted to them directly. Please do this by email: brianbox@ix.netcom.com or chuck.furciniti@att.net Include your name and membership number, the nominees name and membership number, and the office. The bylaws only require that nominees be of member status or higher. Associates and affiliates cannot be nominated for section office.

5. Chapter News

The Computer Chapter chair, Jim Isaak, who is also the national IEEE Division VIII (Computer) Director oversaw a series of lectures ranging from "Self Adaptive Self Modifying Control Systems" to "New Gadgets". He is in the process setting up another series for this fall and spring. The next Computer Chapter Chair will be in a good position with much of the lecture series already established. The well attended lecture series was held at the USNH campus. Jim is not planning to be chair next year.

The Microwave Theory and Techniques Chair Tom Perkins, has rescued the Chapter from dissolution. He set up a successful tour of the BAE Micro-electronics Center and has a lecture scheduled for October. Tom also represented the Section at the Annual Region 1 Board of governors meeting in Strubridge, MA. Tom was active in the Boston Section for years and brings experience and leadership to the MTT Chapter and the section.

The Power Electronics (PELS) Chapter and the Power Engineering (PE) Chapter are facing dissolution. Neither has had any activities this year and are effectively without chairs.

This is unfortunate as both chapters have been active in the past and have a combined membership of several hundred members. The Section will lose the combined \$1200 if the Chapters lose active status.

The Student Chapters at UNH and Dartmouth will not become active until later in the semester when officers are elected. Dr Allen Drake is the Advisor of the UNH Chapter and Dr. Charles Sullivan is the Advisor for the Dartmouth Chapter.