

“IEEE in Washington D.C.”

What: IEEE Green Mountain Section Meeting

Where: Inn at Essex, Essex Junction, VT

When: Thursday September 9, 2004;

Social Time: 6:15pm – 7:00pm

Dinner and Talk: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The dinner is \$15 for IEEE members and \$25 for all others.

Please contact Jim Monzel for reservations, jmonzel@ieee.org, 802-769-6428. Please respond by September 3rd at the latest.

Dinner will include: Rustic Chicken Soup, Mesclun Green Salad, Chef’s Daily Dressings, Roasted Red, New England Salt Cod-Salmon Cakes, Ale-Barley Risotto, Grilled Chicken Breast, Wilted Spinach, Roasted Roma Tomato, Slow Cooked Carrots, Turned Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Riesling Braised Cabbage, Carved Top Round of Roast Beef, Horseradish Sour Cream, “Class-made” Rolls and Butter, Flourless Chocolate Torte, Classic Cheesecake with Fruit, Coulis Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea

Title: "IEEE in Washington" Russell Harrison from the IEEE-USA will discuss legislative initiatives in Washington. IEEE members have a stake in many bills being considered by Congress, including patent reform, electrical grid restructuring, R&D funding, work visa reform and privacy issues. Russell will explain how Congress is looking at these issues, what Congress is likely to do with them this year, and our prospects for 2005. He will also be able to discuss any legislative concerns of the section members."

Russell is the Legislative Representative for Grassroots Activities for IEEE-USA. In this position, he is responsible for helping members of IEEE-USA interact with, and ultimately influence, elected officials. Prior to IEEE-USA, Russell directed grassroots programs at the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and the American Iron and Steel Institute. In these positions he also raised over \$300,000 in campaign contributions through the associations’ political action committees. He has also represented the recycling and steel industries on Capitol Hill and in state capitols on a variety of issues as a professional lobbyist. Russell has a BA in Political Science, with minors in History and Communication, from Allegheny College, and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Maryland.