

IEEE USA Annual Meeting  
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Notes from the meeting can be found at the following blog managed by the hosts of the meeting: <http://ieee-usa.blogspot.com/>

The overall message in this year's conference was Energy; the future sources of energy, the job market, and other political issues. The conference featured four Key Note speakers all with an energy theme. The four speakers in order of presentation were:

- Mr. Richard Walje, President of Rocky Mountain Power
- Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. the Governor of Utah.
- Leonard J. Bond, Ph.D., Laboratory Fellow, Applied Physics/National Security Directorate
- R. James Woosley, Venture Partner with VantagePoint Venture Partners and former Director of the US Central Intelligence Agency

All four speakers gave a talk of about a half hour to an hour of their view of the energy market. Subjects included the lack of engineers (Mr. Walje, and Dr. Bond), the future of energy sources and the markets (Mr. Walje and Governor Huntsman) and then others about the sobering facts that **BILLIONS OF US DOLLARS ARE GOING OVERSEAS** (PS: not all of these countries are friendly) (Mr. Woosley).

Russell Harrison, an IEEE lobbyist, discussed the power of the individual member voice when affecting a congressman's vote. He has expressed a desire to address the section during an upcoming trip to the West Coast.