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UNIT: Toronto Section | Region 7

SUBJECT: Report for Oct 23, 2015 to May 13, 2016 (or appropriate dates)

1. Report on Activities since the Previous Board Meeting

Administrative meetings

1.1 1st Officers Meeting - Toronto Section, Jan. 25, 2016
1.2 2nd Officers Meeting - Toronto Section, Feb. 02, 2016
1.3 1st ExCom Meeting - Toronto Section, Feb. 02, 2016
1.4 3rd Officers Meeting - Toronto Section, Mar. 11, 2016
1.5 4th Officers Meeting - Toronto Section, Apr. 14, 2016
1.7 Signals & Computational Intelligence Chapter, “Semi-automated genome annotation and an expanded epigenetic alphabet”, Feb. 11, 2016
1.10 The SIGHT Group, “Community WIFI for Ham Radio Clubs”, Jan. 11, 2016
1.15 Participated in the Seneca student award ceremony in March 2016
1.16 2nd. ExCom Meeting - Toronto Section, to be held on May 05, 2016
2. Issues Facing This Unit and Proposed Solutions Technical Meetings

2.1 Although membership is Large, the historical involvement of the Members in the Section’s activities and events are limited.

2.2 Due to the Large Geographical Territory covered by the section, there is now four Major Canadian Universities with Engineering Programs that need to accommodate as well as a large number of Polytechnics and colleges in the area. This is supposed to be a positive issue, but practically needs a lot of effort to have the Academic members work together in collaboration on the Chapters / Committee Level as well as the Section Level at Large.

2.3 Many of the Chapter Chairs are working in isolation, and the new section team is trying to break this isolation in different ways.

2.4 We are trying to diversify the membership of the Chapters to include more than one Academic Institute as well as including members from the Industry.

2.5 The Section did not have an Industry relations committee; therefore there was no relation with Industry historically. Recently (In April) we have nominated a committee Chair, will be approved in May by the ExCom, and then will be working on this important Topic.

2.6 We are going to Focus in the coming Months on these priority areas and Activities:

- Revamping our Students Chapters Committee and empowering / supporting the student’s activities at the different Post secondary Institutes.
- Women in Engineering Group and activities.
- Industry Relations.
- Optimizing the contribution to the Local Conferences and events.
- Working out New events that are based on Service appreciation, membership and other Social events to gather membership and increase volunteers’ involvements and contribution.

2.7 We are looking forward to support all the IEE conferences and events that will be conducted within our Section area.