

West Area Report

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IEEE Region 2 West Area

- Akron
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Dayton
- Lima
- Youngstown

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■ Challenges

- Lack of volunteers
 - Difficult getting the younger members involved to become volunteers
 - No one wants to step up to be Chair
- Engaging members, student members, and affiliate members
- Lack of participation in some technical events

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- Challenges (Cont'd)
 - Difficulty in identifying program topics that will improve participation
 - Attendance at the Columbus section Spring Banquet may be lower this year
 - Do members and students still value this event ?
 - Ohio colleges and universities changed to semester system this academic year
 - Students invited but may not attend events

IEEE Region 2 West Area Meeting

- Fall 2012
- Two Focus Areas
 - 1 on 1 NetSuite Training with IEEE Financial Staff Person at a computer
 - Member Engagement

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- NetSuite Training is still an Issue
 - Section Treasurers still
 - Struggling took forever to complete the Annual L-50 Report using NetSuite
 - IEEE Financial Staff Limitations – Time & Budget
 - Tried to have 1 on 1 training
 - IEEE Financial Staff conducted WebEx Sessions

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- Fall 2012
- Cancelled Due to:
 - Presidential Candidates visiting Columbus (and other Ohio cities) many days in the Fall
 - Rolling or longer road closures
 - Traffic congestion
 - IEEE Financial Staff Person cancelled
 - Thanksgiving / Christmas Season

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- IEEE Region 2 West Area Meeting will be conducted in the future

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- Columbus Section conducted a Brainstorming Session to try to determine if Spring Banquet should be replaced with a different activity valued by the members
 - Possibly present student awards at each Student Branch's university location

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- Review Speaker Offerings on Region 2 Outstanding Meeting Program (ROMP)
- http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/2/R2ROMP/region2_romp.htm
- Determine activities that are of value to the members and to the student members (Membership Engagement and creating Value of Being an IEEE Member)