



IEEE Region 2 - Central Area

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Central Area Membership by Section

- Pittsburgh 2802 (Estimated)
- Susquehanna 885
- Central Pennsylvania 635
- Erie 219
- West Virginia 193 (Estimated)
- Johnstown 154

Section Activities

- **New Processes**
- **Educational Activities & Continuing Education Courses**
- **Tutorials**
- **Awards Banquets/Ceremonies**
 - Johnstown Section celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner for Past Chairs

Section Activities

- **Tours**

- Central PA: Voice Over IP at Penn State University Park (lecture and demonstration)
- Susquehanna: PA turnpike's communication system
- Pittsburgh: Tour of Pittsburgh Internet Data Center
- Erie: Tour of the new Federal courthouse in Erie

- **Meeting Topics (Lectures)**

- Central PA: The Basics of designing an effective presentation
- Susquehanna: Speakers on Nanotechnology & how to start a business
- Pittsburgh: Expanding Your Consulting Business
- Pittsburgh: The Importance of Obtaining a PE License

Section Activities

- **Engineers Week Activities**
 - Johnstown Section participates in the Engineers Week Banquet with PSPE
 - Susquehanna: Current section officer & Past chair (Larry Brown), is now the chair-elect of the Central PA Engineers Week Council
- **Other notable Activities**
 - Erie: Held new members dinner in November
 - Erie: Held MPAC in May of 2005; Attended by about 35 people. Three guest speakers: Nano-technology, emotional maturity, and business practices.

Society/Chapter Activities

- **New Initiatives**
 - Pittsburgh: Electromagnetic Compatibility Society was established
- **Society Meetings/Status**
- **Other notable Activities**
 - Pittsburgh: Power Engineering Society won the second best web site award among the 172 Chapters in the world

Student Activities

- **Student Competitions & Awards**

- Central PA: IEEE Senior Project Showcase and contest.
Penn College of Technology
- Johnstown Section presented a scholarship to a student of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

- **Other notable Activities**

- Johnstown & Erie Sections contributed to Mathcounts
- Pittsburgh: The annual Robot Car Race at the Carnegie Science Center was a success for the 12th consecutive year

Affinity Groups' Activities

- **Gold**
 - Pittsburgh: GOLD Affinity group was established
- **Consultants Network**
 - Pittsburgh: Consultants Network was revived
- **Other Affinity Group Activities**
 - Pittsburgh: Life Member Affinity group was established

Other Notable Activities

- **Joint meetings with other professional societies:**

Other Notable Events

- Susquehanna: Marc Apter presented a 2005 Supporting Friend of IEEE Regional Activities Award to Penn State - Harrisburg during the January 2006 section meeting

Successes

Difficulties/Concerns

- Central PA: Chronic shortage of volunteers for section officer positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Signal Processing chapter chair)
- Erie: Difficult to convince other members to serve on the executive committee
- Erie: Community disenchantment with local engineering-network association

Erie: Need to identify a value for Section activities to provide meaning for the membership -- "Why SHOULD a local professional belong to our society? What value are we giving to our members as a section and as a professional organization?"

Help Wanted!

- Please submit your reports early!
- Please make sure that you update the Region Secretary as soon as there are changes in your section's leadership