



IEEE Phoenix Area Consultants Network January Meeting: Congress And The Profession: What The IEEE Is Doing For Us

Date: Thursday, January 10th, 2008

Time: Feel free to come around 5:30 and socialize.

We take dinner orders around 6:30 PM

Program starts around 7:30 PM

Place: Denny's Restaurant

3315 N. Scottsdale Rd. (at Osborn)

Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

Abstract:

Congress is half way through its 110th Legislative Session. Congress ended 2007 with several major legislative initiatives left unfinished, including:

- The 2007 budget, which may include \$200 billion in programs to benefit technology engineers.
- The most significant change to intellectual property law in the last 50 years.
- High-skill immigration reform and temporary guest worker reform.

Join the Phoenix Consulting Network and IEEE-USA Senior Legislative Representative Russell Harrison to discuss these and other proposed laws. Better yet, we will discuss effective ways that individual engineers can influence these proposals. Don't get taken by surprise. Join us on January 10th to learn what's coming and what you can do about it.

About the speaker: Russell is the Senior Legislative Representative for Grassroots Activities for IEEE-USA. He is responsible for helping IEEE members in the U.S. interact with, and ultimately influence, elected officials. Prior to IEEE-USA, Russell served as a professional lobbyist for the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and the American Iron and Steel Institute. Russell has a BA in Political Science, with minors in History and Communications, from Allegheny College, and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Maryland.

For more information on the January meeting, contact Vaughn Treude, vaughn@nakota-software.com, or see the IEEE PACN website, ieeepacn.com.

ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to start by wishing everybody a happy and prosperous new year!

As you can tell from the title of this article, we haven't really resolved our problem of finding new officers. We did reduce the size of the Executive Board from 9 to 6 members. Lane Garrett's term was expiring and he chose not to continue due to the demands of his solar business. We re-elected Ron Sprague and myself to fill the empty spaces left by Ed Mischen and Bob Bianca, who have not been participating. We did not elect new officers, because no one was willing to give me a break and assume the office of President.

Many of you received an email from our past president Paul Everett, in which he made some suggestions. I totally agree with his opinion that PACN is worth saving, if there are enough others who think so. I also agree that we have been expecting the President to do everything, and that others must pitch in. That doesn't mean I'm willing to continue much longer as President, because it really is somebody else's turn.

We have meetings scheduled for January and February, so we will definitely keep these on the schedule.

The January meeting will be a good one, because we have a representative coming in from IEEE-USA to talk to us. We want a good turnout on this one so please attend if you possibly can and please, please tell all the other IEEE members you know. We don't have many opportunities to talk back in person to the national organization, and we want to make it worth his while.

February we have a talk by James Spindler and Steve Shott, of Arizona Near Space Research, or "ANSR", a group that sponsors amateur scientific high-altitude balloon flights.

Another event that's coming up is the annual section banquet, which is planned for the Phoenix Airport Hilton on the Saturday following the Super-Bowl. I do not personally plan to attend, but if anybody is interested, please let me know. If we're going to continue as an organization, we can request \$500 from the section, some of which we've traditionally used to buy at least half a table at the banquet. If not, we probably have enough left in the treasury to sponsor a few people to attend; I don't see why we shouldn't use the money.

Anyway, see you on the 10th!

Vaughn

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