IEEE Dallas Section Meeting

On Saturday, February 23, 2019 I had the opportunity to attend the Dallas Section meeting along with Bob Shapiro, R5 Director and learn more about all of the great things happening under the new EXCOM team led by Daniel Schlieter, Chair of the Dallas Section.

This was the first time as R5 South Area Chair that I had the opportunity to attend their section meeting in person which gave me some addition perspectives their volunteers unselfishness to give back to fellow student, young, and senior members.

The meeting centered around the Dallas Section 2019 Strategic Plan that included the following areas:

- Section Mission and Vision Statement
- Membership Experience (Engagement, Activities, and Career)
- Career Steps Axis
- Section Organization Structure

Unfortunately, not many sections or societies I’ve visited has facilitated open and honest engagement in developing their year plan goals. Its good to see that the section saw the importance of honest feedback and volunteer willingness to take on new leadership roles in order to accomplish the section goals.

One of the most important parts of the Dallas Section plans was cantered around Career Development. To many times the roadmap to career development has several exits and construction detours. This is especially important to IEEE Young Professional (Early), Senior Membership (Middle), and IEEE Life Members and Fellows (Senior). Its important to know all of the different IEEE resources and tools available to help you stay on the road to your career goals.

The meeting also gave me the opportunity to share in some of the great Best Practices I’ve captured around the South Area. Some of these Best Practices included the following:

- Website Deployment Strategy
- Professional Development (Continued Education on Demand)
- Student Branch Engagement (TAMU Make, What Are Standards?, DevDay, IEEExtreme)
- IEEE Meet Up's (ABB Customer World, Eaton Tech Day, YP Meet Ups)

Again, special thanks to Daniel Schlieter, Dallas Section Chair and the rest of the Dallas Section EXCOM team for inviting me to learn and share some IEEE Best Practices.

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The Brookhaven College Math, Science and Engineering Division hosted its annual STEM Fair Outreach event that helps kids explore today's technologies and the unlimited opportunities of tomorrow with hands-on activities, contests, exhibits and lectures. The community-centered fair was open to children ages 6-18 and provides information about careers in science, technology, engineering and math while participating in hands-on activities. This was truly a community family event with family members learning and encouraging their children to embrace and learn from the different STEM experiments.

The STEM Fair was also attended by Boys and Girls Scout Troops looking to receive their Technology patches.

Special thanks to Joel Arzola the Dallas Sec. Young Professionals Chair and fellow YP team and section volunteers for teaching children the fundamentals of electronics and electromagnetics by helping them build a wireless power transfer circuit that will wirelessly turn on a LED.

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