

## Dear IEEE Eastern North Carolina Section colleague,

We are starting a new year in our section and have completed the election for the section leadership. Details see below.

Our first section meeting will be on Saturday 2/16. There will be a training session in the morning and an ExCom meeting in the afternoon. You can find the details on our new ENCS web page, which now has a calendar that is linked to the vTools events page.

All ENCS members are invited to attend. We welcome everyone who is interested in helping out in the section. Attending the meeting on 2/16 will give you insight into what we do and how we work. Please register if you plan to attend. Web page links can be found below.



Matt Horrer  
IEEE ENCS Chair

## ENCS Web page

Our ENCS section web page was updated recently. It has a new look and a new address. Information regarding our section is found under this link:

<https://r3.ieee.org/encs>.

## ENCS Events on vTools:

The specific link in vTools to events in our ENCS section is a bit lengthy. Below link saves some typing:

[https://events.vtools.ieee.org/events/search?sub=true&order=start\\_time&meeting\[region\\_id\]=3&meeting\[section\\_id\]=88&meeting\\_after=now](https://events.vtools.ieee.org/events/search?sub=true&order=start_time&meeting[region_id]=3&meeting[section_id]=88&meeting_after=now)

## Young Professions

We have a new chair for Young Professionals: Inamullah Bhutto. He has been active in a number of positions in region 8 and 10. Please welcome Inamullah and watch for young professions activities.

## Consultant Network

The first meeting of the ENCS Consultants' Affinity Group was held at NC State's Centennial Campus on September 24, 2018. The speaker was Charles Lord, PE, on the subject of "Introduction to Consulting." Charles, who has been a consultant in North Carolina for many years, gave his perspectives on the subject, and provided detailed information on becoming a consultant. He said that the IEEE NC Council is forming a statewide Consultants' Network, and plans to hold a workshop in Spring of 2019. The talk, which was attended by 12 members and 9 visitors, was very informative. Charles said that he would send a link to his slides to the registered attendees.

Jay Diepenbrock also gave a short verbal summary of the IEEE-USA MOVE truck, a disaster response vehicle built by IEEE-USA, which is stationed in Durham.

Please contact Jay with suggestions for future events or if you would like to be part of the Consultant Network. ([jdiepenb@earthlink.net](mailto:jdiepenb@earthlink.net))

## Volunteers

We have opportunities to participate in our section as web master, newsletter editor, help organize section meetings and more. Please contact Matt Horrer [mhorrer@ieee.org](mailto:mhorrer@ieee.org) for more details.

## Events

We had a busy start with several events. Coming up in the near future are:

- Feb 4: Virtualization open source projects - how everyone can involve and contribute.
- Feb 7: IEEE ENCS PELS - Current status and future perspectives of silicon carbide (sic) power devices and applications.
- Feb 19: Modular data centers – why large datacenter owners choose a modular design.

... and of course the training and ExCom sessions on Feb 16.

For details any of the events, please check vTools and for registration.

## Elections

We had a tie in the vice chair position and decided to allow both to serve by splitting the responsibilities. The ENCS officers are:

Chair: Matt Horrer

Vice Chair – Chapters: Nagendra

Vice Chair – Affinity Groups: Shruti Gandhi

Secretary: Rostan Rodrigues

Treasurer: Ken Pigg

Thank you for participating in the elections and congratulations to the new officers.

## Summer Social

It is never too early to think about a summer social event for our section. Please contact me with ideas on what to do or if you would like to help organizing it.