

Toronto Section Life Member Newsletter

Dear Life Member,

This is our first written letter to you in 2004. We have communicated with you under the March Newsletter that was sent to all Toronto Section members “electronically”. This is being mailed to you in case you are not on e-mail.

As you are probably aware, starting January 2004, your Life Member Chapter Executive consists of:

Chair: Dr. Wallas Khella
Past Chair: Dr. Bob Alden
Vice Chair: Vacant (Any Volunteer?)
Secretary: Mr. Ian Dutton

And the Activity Chairs are:

History: Gordon Slemon
Energy Policy: John De Groot
School Outreach: Joe Karnas
Internet Assistance: Bob Alden

We are pleased that a number of you were able to attend the Section’s Centennial Celebration last October. It was a great occasion to meet fellow members and renew contacts.

In our last newsletter, we enclosed a survey sheet intended to get to know what type of services and activities you like to see the Toronto Section offer in order to make the LM Chapter more responsive to your needs.

43 members responded by e-mail, Fax and regular mail.

The following is a summary of the replies:

1. 36 confirmed their address to be correct - 6 gave new address
2. 38 confirmed renewal of their IEEE free membership - 4 did not renew
3. 37 do not need help to renew their registration
4. 32 are using the Internet - 11 not
5. 30 have e-mail address - 12 don't
6. 26 gave their e-mail addresses
7. 28 don't need any help with using their computers - 6 need some sort of help – balance did not respond to this question

There were a couple of stories included in the replies as well as one member offering his collection of IEEE magazines and publications to any person or institution instead of destroying them. Any taker??? Please contact Wallas Khella Tel (905) 279-2976, Fax (905)270-7420 or wkhella@ieee.org.

There was expressed interest in the following areas:

1. Use of Internet
2. Energy Policy (triggered by recent events)
3. Plant tours (Auto, Steel ...etc)
4. Culture outings

Our spring meeting will address the first item. The details are:

Title	Using the Internet to Access IEEE Services
Speaker	Dr. Robert T. H. (Bob) Alden Consultant, Mississauga, Ontario
Day and Time	Tuesday, April 20, 2004 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (light lunch and refreshments will be served)
Location	University of Toronto, Galbraith Building, Room 150
Contact	Please confirm your attendance with Wallas using email (wkhella@ieee.org) or phone: 905-279-2976
Abstract	<p>The University of Toronto's IEEE Student Branch has kindly made available their IEEE McNaughton Learning Resource Centre with its personal computers and connection to the Internet. Using this facility, Bob will walk us through the various steps to connect to four IEEE web sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P IEEE Toronto P IEEE Canada P IEEE Canadian Foundation P IEEE Worldwide <p>We will discuss the kind of information you can find, and how to access this information as well as a number of IEEE services using our computer with an Internet connection. The presentation will be quite informal, with questions welcome any time, and an opportunity for hands-on use for anyone interested.</p>

Our Energy Policy Activity Chair, Mr. John DeGroot has been asked to organize a session in response to item 2 above which we hope to be our second meeting of 2004.

The feasibility of item 3 above is being reviewed since it involves insurance, security...etc.

We sincerely hope you will come out and support your chapter's activities.

Dr. Wallas Khella, LSM
Chapter Chair

Internet Information - by Bob Alden

Our Section web site is at <http://toronto.ieee.ca>, and our life members pages are linked from the left side menu. All LM newsletters are posted on our LM pages for future reference.

We also have a new on-line community where you can view and join discussions on a wide range of topics - including life member activities. We invite you to join this community which is for all members of the IEEE Toronto Section. Why not start a discussion on your favorite topic?