

Mid-Atlantic ECEDHA Regional Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

John Nestor, Lafayette College; George Pappas, Univ. of Pennsylvania; Pali Singh, Villanova Univ.; Alan Cheville, Bucknell Univ.; Suresh Subramaniam, George Washington Univ.; Chika Nwankpa, Drexel Univ.; Kultegin Aydin, Penn. State Univ.; Esther Ososayana, UDC; Svetlana Tatic-Lutic, Lehigh Univ.; Robi Polikar, Rowan Univ.; Brian Woerner, West Virginia Univ.; Li Bai, Temple Univ.; and Rama Chellappa, Univ. of Maryland.

Minutes:

Fall 2017 Regional Meeting:

The meeting will be hosted by Rowan University; date around end of September; Robi Polikar, Head of Rowan University's ECE department will send out a Doodle poll with possible dates.

Some of the topics to be considered for the meeting along with faculty leads are listed below:

- International student enrollment (graduate and undergraduate) (Faculty Lead: Brian Woerner)
- External research funding in the Trump era (Faculty Lead: Rama Chellappa)
- Job description and curriculum to prepare the IoT engineer (Faculty Lead: George Pappas)
- Session specifically for High School Counselors and perhaps university admissions officers (no faculty lead identified)
- Regional graduate student recruiting/poster session (Faculty lead: Robi Polikar)
- Future leaders workshop – bring faculty who have the potential to be chairs to regional meeting (no faculty lead identified)
- Hardware competition for high school students (Faculty lead: Suresh Subramanian)
- Invite an industry rep from a local company re-IoT, e.g. Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Comcast (no faculty lead identified)

Suggestions for ways in which ECEDHA staff can help to support the region:

There was a discussion on how the ECEDHA staff can help to support the Mid-Atlantic region. Here are some of the suggestions that came out of the discussions:

- Maintain a Mid-Atlantic ECEDHA website
- Help to reach out to the high school guidance counselors in the regional high schools
- Help to set up a regional corporate advisory council and suggest contacts for the regional meeting speaker

What worked well at this year's ECEDHA Annual Conference and suggestions for next year's program:

- iRedefine was considered to be a good program. Try to expand it next year to include more students;
- It would be good to invite someone from IEEE Central to the ECEDHA Annual Conference next year