

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Good evening, everyone. Please be seated. I would like to welcome you to the 2011 IEEE Alaska Section banquet. I am the Chair of the IEEE Alaska Section, Jeffrey Miller. We are honored to have the Region 6 Director, Ed Perkins, with us tonight who flew here from rainy Portland, Oregon. I would also like to welcome our section officers - our vice chair, Jens Munk, who unfortunately was not able to make it tonight due to illness, our treasurer John Lund, and our secretary Todd Petersen are here. We also have two members at large, Bob Baldwin and JoAnn Neumaier, who graciously took on the responsibility of arranging this banquet. Please help me in acknowledging their effort <applause>.

Now we would like to go around the room and have each person introduce him or herself.

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We now would like to do our door prize drawings. Three winners will receive signed copies of our speaker, Will Troyer's, book "Into Brown Bear Country" or "Bear Wrangler".

<do drawing>

For those of you who did not win, you will have the opportunity to purchase a book and have it signed at the end of the banquet tonight.

And now, what we all have been waiting for...dinner! We will proceed with the awards and our speaker after dinner.

## **Chair Speech**

Good evening again. I hope everyone enjoyed dinner. As our Northwest Area Chair, Joe Decuir of Washington state, was not able to make it to the banquet tonight, I would like to begin with something I learned from him. How can you tell if an engineer is social? <pause> They are the ones who are looking at the *other* person's shoes when talking.

As the chair of the IEEE Alaska Section, I have the opportunity to say a few words about the section. I first became involved in IEEE when I was a student based on my advisor's recommendation. I didn't realize 9 years ago that I would be so involved in an organization that doesn't even compensate me for my time. I have been the treasurer and now chair of the Alaska section, currently sit on the Board of Governors for two different technical societies, am a member of the Executive Committee of one of those societies, and have been the Local Arrangements Chair, Technical Program Chair, or General Chair for 8 different conferences. I am a reviewer of countless conference publications, magazines, and journals, and am an associate editor for a journal and the Editor-in-Chief of a magazine. I have found the rewards of volunteering with an organization that supports the professional development and growth of my knowledge and career to be well-worth the time investment. Of course, when the start date of a conference that I have organized draws near, I may not say the same thing. Although I have become quite involved in IEEE, I understand that some people have other obligations (such as jobs and families) that obviously take priority. If you are interested in becoming more involved, I strongly recommend it and would be happy to give any advice that I can.

Now I would like to introduce our Region 6 director, Ed Perkins.

### **Scholarship Awards**

It is now my honor to announce the winners of the student scholarships. Each year we give one scholarship to a University of Alaska Anchorage electrical or computer engineering student and one scholarship to a University of Alaska Fairbanks electrical or computer engineering student. These students were nominated by the student branch counselor at each university and approved by the Executive Committee. This award...

<read citation on award>

The Harold D. Smith Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a UAA engineering student, is presented this year to Scott McClure. The Robert P. Merritt Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a UAF engineering student, is presented this year to Joseph Stribny.

### **Section Awards**

The IEEE Alaska Section also has four additional awards that are provided to individuals or organizations that exemplify the qualities of the IEEE and the section. The Outstanding Engineer Award...

<read citation on award> Marty Smith with ML&P

The Outstanding Leader and Professional Service Award...

<read citation on award> Dee Fultz with Chugach Electric

The Outstanding Corporate Service to the Engineering Community award...

<read citation on award> ML&P, received by the General Manager Jim Posey

In commemoration of the visit to the Alaska Section, we would also like to present an award to our Region 6 director Ed Perkins..

### **Speaker Introduction**

I would now like to introduce one of our members-at-large, Bob Baldwin, to introduce our speaker for the evening..

### **Wrap Up**

Thank you, Mr. Troyer, for your great presentation on bears in Alaska. I hope everyone enjoyed the 2011 IEEE Alaska Section awards banquet. Mr. Troyer will be available for signing books, and I hope to see all of you at our next member luncheon, which will be held in October. Thank you all for coming.