

Outstanding Large Chapter Award 2009

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

MICHAEL C. JENSEN, *Chair*

The Twin Cities Chapter is recognized for its outstanding performance during 2009 under the leadership of chapter chair Michael C. Jensen and the chapter officers.

The chapter is dedicated to providing service to the local members by organizing technical meetings, professional meetings, educational programs, and student activities. The chapter officers are very active at the section level, and PES is the most active chapter in the section. Also of interest are membership-building, elevating membership levels, and promoting engineering careers to students. The chapter is also very involved with the 2010 PES General Meeting in Minneapolis.

Some significant 2009 high points include:

- A total of 11 technical and educational meetings were held during the year.
- Seven technical meetings, several of which focused on "Green Energy" topics as requested by the chapter membership. Topics included: Great River Energy's LEED Platinum Office Building; Enabling Renewable Energy Solutions; Green Energy Policy; Converting Your Gas Powered Car To Electric; Cleantech Alternative Energy Solutions
- Four educational programs which included a ten week course on Power System Protection which was attended by over 300 participants. The course was aired live and available for download.
- For many years, the Chapter has been very involved with the MN Power Systems Conference (MIPSYCON). Through efforts of the chapter, this conference will be technically co-sponsored by PES in 2010.
- Support for student related activities are provided in a variety of ways. This included: Participation in E-week activities promoting women in engineering at three middle and high schools; EHV substation tour; Support of technical presentation by IEEE student member; Three Chapter officers are GOLD members and promote GOLD activities
- Total membership has increased each year for the past three years due to the ongoing efforts of the chapter. Twin Cities had more than 6% membership increase in 2009 and was one of only two large chapters that met their membership contest goal.
- The chapter is clearly committed to upgrading the membership status of its members. More than five chapter members submitted applications for Senior Member upgrades. A fellow nomination is in progress.
- The chapter formed a Local Organizing Committee to help plan for the PES General Meeting 2010 to be held in Minneapolis. Numerous chapter members are assisting in many ways with the General Meeting.

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KOLKATA CHAPTER

SIVAR CHAKRAVORTI, *Chair*

The Kolkata Chapter is recognized for its outstanding performance under the leadership of chapter chair, Dr. Dr. Sivaji Chakravorti, the chapter executive committee, and a complement of committees and volunteers.

The Kolkata PES Chapter had an eventful 2009 program year. The chapter provided a wide range of programs and services to its members including technical meetings, seminars, lectures, educational programs, GOLD activities and social events. A newly designed web site has a wide range of information for the chapter membership... which grew by 29% in 2009.

The recognition of the Kolkata Chapter as the 2009 PES Outstanding Small Chapter is well deserved.

Some examples of 2009 activities:

- Numerous technical meetings and seminars at various locations. These were primarily delivered by local professors and industry and supplemented by the Distinguished Lecturer program. These events were well attended, including large numbers of local student members.
- Educational Programs and Workshops, including the topics of "Modern Power System Operation and Control" and "FACTS and SCADA"
- Numerous lectures, seminars and tours geared toward students were organized throughout the year.
- The chapter supported the successful upgrade of one Senior Member and continues ongoing efforts.
- Several GOLD activities and the addition of GOLD members to the chapter executive and other committees.
- Membership recognition was achieved by utilizing the Outstanding Chapter Engineer Award and other PES nominations were evaluated and considered.
- A very effective Membership Development and Growth Program which resulted in a chapter membership increase of 29%!
- A newly redesigned and very comprehensive web page that contains essential details of the Chapter, its activities, and its historical accomplishments.

*THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS WERE RUNNERS-UP IN THIS CATEGORY:
CROATIA, DELHI, SINGAPORE, URUGUAY, AND WESTERN SAUDIA ARABIA*