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Happy New Year Berkshire Section: 1997 at the Berkshire Sections began with the installation of newly-elected section officers. The officers are:

Chairman:	Andrew Oelkers
Vice Chairman:	Dennis Steward
Treasurer:	Frank Fisher
Secretary:	Eric Helgerman
Past Chairman:	Richard Kolodziejczyk

The Executive Committee was organized, and on January 8, the first meeting was called to order by the new chairman.

The National Engineering Week Committee was organized and held a meeting on January 7. Allan Boschen volunteered to chair this activity this year. A week long celebration of this event will start on February 16 and continue through the 22nd. As always, the IEEE Berkshire Section will commemorate this occasion with a dinner meeting which will be announced soon.

Sections Congress 1996 was held in Denver, Colorado, from November 1 through 4, 1996. Our section sent two delegates to the event: Richard Kolodziejczyk and Andrew Oelkers. At the finale of this event all primary delegates voted on thirty-eight recommendations adopted during four days of meetings, tutorials and workshops. Each recommendation dealt with improving IEEE operations or improving the image of an electrical engineer.

This was the best attended Section Congress in the history of this event as 508 delegates from around the world participated. Our section received 50% reimbursement from Region 1 for costs associated with the primary delegate. The section paid in full for the cost of sending the second delegate.

1996 IEEE Science Writing Contest: A total of \$2,475 was awarded with Pittsfield High taking all awards: \$1,500 went to the school and \$750 went to the students. We decided to give awards to the school that sponsored student entries. For every dollar that the students won, the schools received two, under the provision that these monies were to be used by the school science departments for purchase of equipment. Pittsfield High is using their winnings to purchase digital field environmental recorders to measure soil and water conditions. The rest of the monies will be used to purchase the microscope to the digital computer interface. Berkshire County Day School, St. Joseph High, and Miss Hall's also received \$50 awards for having students submit qualifying papers.

Many thanks to George R. Haus for his leg work and determination in this endeavor and to all who volunteered to be the judges.

Professional Registration: Richard Kolodziejczyk joined the ranks of professional engineers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In recognition of his professional achievements he received the Berkshire Section Professional Recognition Award in the amount of \$50.

Annual Awards: The Berkshire Section held its annual awards drawing at the Annual Meeting on June 6, 1996, for children of the Section Members. There were three winners of the \$250 award: Matthew Nigbor, James Brennan and Gregg Pencinger.

To be eligible for the awards, the recipients must be full-time students at any recognized college or university.

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