



**Philadelphia Section**

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**IEEE Philadelphia Section to Honor Contributions to Field of  
Electrical and Electronics Engineering at April Awards Banquet & Gala**

*Corporations, students, fellows, and section members to be acknowledged by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Philadelphia Section's April 13 anniversary celebration.*

Philadelphia, PA – March 19, 2013 – The [Philadelphia Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. \(IEEE\)](#) will make an anticipated awards presentation at its Awards Banquet & Gala on April 13, 2013 at the Union League in Philadelphia, PA. The awards recognize the successful work of individuals and organizations to the field of electrical and electronics engineering. The 2013 honorees are:

Corporate Innovation

**AGI** (Exton, PA)  
**ECRI Institute** (Plymouth Meeting, PA)  
**Lockheed Martin** (King of Prussia, PA)  
**Optofluidics, Inc.** (Philadelphia, PA)

Young Engineer of the Year (engineer under age 35)

**Sean Fischer** of Channel Logistics, LLC (Camden, NJ) for Asymmetric Warfare Management (AVM)  
**Phil Gonski, PE** of Keystone Engineering (Frazier, PA)  
**Dr. Baris Taskin**, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)

Delaware Valley Electrical Engineer of the Year

**Robert Swayne, PE, LEED, AP, LC**, Senior Electrical Engineer at Burns Engineering, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA)

Benjamin Franklin Key

**Mark E. Bruley, CCE**, Vice President, Accident and Forensic Investigation at ECRI Institute (Plymouth Meeting, PA)

**Nader Engheta, Ph.D.**, H. Nedwill Ramsey Professor, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA)

**David Fiori, Jr.**, Chief Engineer at Everight Sensors Corp. (Yardley, PA)

Recognition of Section Members (for dedication and leadership to Section)

**Roger L. Boyell** (Moorestown, NJ)

**Robert Lawson** (New Hope, PA)

Recognition of New Fellows

**Joel S. Karp**, University of Pennsylvania Department of Radiology (Philadelphia, PA)

**Robert Caverly**, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Villanova University (Villanova, PA)

**Chika O. Nwankpa**, ECE Department, Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)

Philadelphia Past Chairperson  
**Margaret Goodman** (Glen Mills, PA)

Alan L. Kirsch Outstanding Student Member  
**David Mino** of Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)

Chapter of the Year  
**Vehicular Technology Group (VTG)** (Philadelphia, PA), Recipient: Brandon S. Swartley, PE, Vice President/Assistant Chief Engineer at Electrical Engineering SYSTRA

The April 13 Awards Banquet & Gala will be held to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merging of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE). This merger of the two institutes was renamed the IEEE, an organization which today serves more than 400,000 members.

Registration is now open for anyone to attend the event, which will be held at the prestigious Union League located at 140 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. A reception starts at 5:45 PM followed by a full-course dinner at 6:45 PM. In addition to an awards presentation, the evening will include networking and exhibits. The featured speaker is Russel E. Kaufman, M.D., president & CEO of The Wistar Institute, a nonprofit international institution for basic biomedical research.

The cost to attend the IEEE (Philadelphia Section) Awards Banquet & Gala is \$85 per person prior to March 22 (\$90 per person after March 22 and \$100 per person after April 6). Tables of 10 are available for \$850 if reserved by March 22. To register, email [sec.philadelphia@ieee.org](mailto:sec.philadelphia@ieee.org) or call 484-270-5136.

## **About IEEE**

The mission of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) is to conduct scientific, educational, and professional programs for the advancement of electrical and computer engineering, their related arts and sciences, and the stature of the professions they serve. IEEE sponsors numerous Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) activities and provides scholarships to engineering students.

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## **About IEEE Philadelphia Section**

The Philadelphia Section (or Branch as it was then called) of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, or AIEE for short, was organized in 1903. As the electric power industry grew so did the AIEE. However, on May 13, 1912, another branch of the electrical profession, the radio engineers, formed the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), which grew so rapidly its membership soon surpassed that of the AIEE. As early as 1922, the AIEE and IRE discussed the possibility of merging, as the interests of the societies overlapped. No serious steps were taken until 1961. One year later, the membership of the organizations approved the merger, which officially took place on January 1, 1963, under the new name of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE).

Today the IEEE Philadelphia Section serves more than 4,000 members in the Delaware Valley including Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania and Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties in New Jersey. The Philadelphia Section holds regular meetings and events; publishes a member newsletter, the Almanack, ten times per year; presents an annual awards banquet & gala; and offers a leadership scholarship through its student branch. For more information, visit <http://www.ieeephiladelphia.org> or call 484-270-5136. Visit IEEE Philadelphia Section on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/IEEE-Philadelphia-Section/128674543953396>.