



**IEEE Southeastern Michigan Section  
Spring Section Conference & Dinner  
Thursday, Mar 29, 2007 5pm – 9pm  
Fairlane Center, University of Michigan – Dearborn**

**Professional Activities Speaker**



**“What Washington is doing to you, and what we can do about it?”**

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**Abstract:**

The talk will cover legislation in Congress that could impact engineers, including Intellectual Property, federally funded R&D and immigration. We'll discuss what the bills do, why Congress is considering them and what their prospects are. Then, we'll discuss ways that engineers can influence decision makers to improve the quality of legislation that is passed in Washington and Lansing.

**Biography:**

Russell is the Legislative Representative for Grassroots Activities for IEEE-USA. He is responsible for helping IEEE members in the U.S. interact with, and ultimately influence, elected officials.

Prior to IEEE-USA, Russell directed grassroots programs at the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and the American Iron and Steel Institute. In these positions he represented the recycling and steel industries on Capitol Hill and in state capitols on a variety of issues as a professional lobbyist.

Russell has a BA in Political Science, with minors in History and Communications, from Allegheny College, and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Maryland.

**Evening Schedule:**

4:30pm – 5:00pm Registration and Check-In  
5:00pm – 5:45pm First half technical sessions, seven parallel sessions for chapter speaker  
5:45pm – 6:00pm Vendor exhibition and networking  
6:00pm – 6:45pm Second half technical sessions, seven parallel sessions for chapter speaker  
6:45pm – 7:15pm Vendor exhibition and networking  
7:15pm – 8:00pm Buffet Dinner from Park Place Catering  
7:30pm – 8:00pm Awards program during dinner  
8:00pm – 9:00pm Keynote speaker

You get your choice of two (2) of the fourteen technical session, plus networking, vendor showcases, dinner and the keynote speaker.

Registration will be online beginning in February at <http://www.ieee-sem.org>: \$25 for IEEE Members (including members of other ESD Affiliate Council Societies), \$30 non-members, \$10 students/retirees/unemployed. Location is: 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, Fairlane Center Building, University of Michigan – Dearborn. This event is a technical and professional service to the local IEEE members – this is not a "fundraiser". Contact: Prof. Chris Mi ([mi@ieee.org](mailto:mi@ieee.org)), Conference Chair.