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Election Date: 14/05/2011**Term End Date: 13/05/2013**

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Membership:

As of **30 June 2011**, the IEEE **Nigeria** Section has a total of 975 active members (19 Affiliates, 37 Associate Members, 94 Graduate Student Members, 0 Life Fellow, 1 Life Members, 0 Life Senior, 629 Members, 17 Senior Members and 178 Student Members).

Meetings:

3 technical, 1 professional, 5 administrative and 0 social meetings have been held since **March 2011**.

Activities in the near future:

- Organise WIE sensitization programme July 2011.
- Southern Robotics Challenge (Competition for undergraduates) September 2011
- Improve industry relations and attract more members from the industry
- Co-sponsorship of ICAST conference with Ghana and South Africa Sections -November 2011.
- Membership drive at National conferences July and December at Abuja
- Organize Techpreneurship Programme (by IEEE ComSoc and Fate Foundation)
- Form two new Student Chapters and formulate a communication plan with all Student Branch Chairs.
- Student Paper contest December 2011
- Production of African Journal of Computing and ICT.(championed by Computer Society)
- Increase circulation of Computer Society newsletter current and back issues
- Distinguished Lecturer Program (DLP) on Smart Grid, September, 2011.
- NYSC Camp Outreach, STEP and SPAC programs (September 2011)
- Monthly GOLD Webinar.

Best practices:

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- Development of Template/Report card to motivate Subsections, Chapters and Student branches.
- WIE reaching out to secondary schools students in in partnership with Ministry of Women Affairs
- Use of Social Network/Teleconference for Exco Meetings saves cost of travels
- Moderated Listserve account for all financially active members
- Regional local activities for increasing the scope of membership participation.
- Website content to include scholarship links and job adverts.

Topics to be discussed in San Francisco:

- Need to send IEEE representatives to conferences in Africa such as Africon, ICAST or Nigercon.
- Allowing freshly graduated student members to continue to pay student fees for two years until they get jobs.
- Joint research & development work, and sabbatical positions at higher institutions to help enhance professional networking opportunities