

IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognitions Sub-Committee

This report covers the period since the last Region 8 Committee meeting in San Francisco, at which the proposal to create a new award was approved. The new award is entitled:

The Region 8 Outstanding Section Award

It actually comprises two awards, one for small Sections (fewer than 500 members) and a second award for large Sections (more than 500 members). These were both endorsed by the MGA Awards Board at their November 2011 meeting. The winners will go forward to the MGA global contest in May 2012. Further details are now posted on the A&R website.

The Committee has also assisted the Industry Relations team in creating new awards to recognise outstanding contributions to strengthening the connection with industry in Region 8. These will be described in more detail by the Industry Relations Co-ordinator, Ghaleb Dandan at the Berlin meeting.

It has been agreed that a new database of all IEEE awards given to members from Region 8 over the past 50 years will be created. Martin Bastiaans will co-ordinate this work, and will be asking for help from Section Chairs in order to compile the complete list.

The Technical Awards Panel (TAP) formed in 2008 has been dissolved. The Committee will review other ways of stimulating nominations for the IEEE Medals and Technical Field Awards, especially by encouraging Sections to be more pro-active in awards activities.

Victor Fouad Hanna proposed that the Italy Section receive the congratulations of the Region 8 Committee for its outstanding achievement in being awarded 15 IEEE Fellows in 2011. The A & R Committee agreed to recognise this achievement at the Berlin meeting.

The Committee has been asked by OPCOM to proceed with a plan to create special awards to mark the 50th anniversary in 2013. These awards will honour a small number of outstanding individuals for their achievements in IEEE's technical domain of interest. Samir Shaheen reported on the way that the Egypt Section had celebrated its 50th Anniversary by awarding certificates to each of the most active volunteers that had helped to build up the Section. He recommended that other Section in Region 8 should consider recognising the efforts of their own volunteers in this way.

The Committee meets via teleconferences at regular intervals, and is in the process of expanding and updating its website under the direction of Jef Beerten, Comments and suggestions from R8 Committee members on this and any other matters related to awards and recognitions would be welcomed.

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