Section Development and Vitality

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Topics to be treated

- Size of a Section
  - Number of members
  - Number of organizational units

- Rejuvenation of the Section's ExCom
  - MGA rules for officers' terms
  - MGA rules for election

- Vitality and Section reporting
  - Section reporting for the R8 Committee meeting

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Size of a Section

'Average' Region 8 Section

- 1,100 Members
  (largest ca. 9,000)
  (median ca. 500)
  (smallest ca. 50)

- 18 OU's
  (with ca. 40 members)
  - 9 Chapters
  - 1 Affinity Group
  - 6 Student Branches
  - 1 Student Branch Chapter
  - 1 Student Branch Affinity group

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Size of a Section

- With a few exceptions, we see that small Sections show a low activity.
- New Sections shall start as a Subsection; it is then stimulated to grow and become active.
- Transition to a Section is possible when the number of members and the number of OUs reach (typically) 200-250 and 4-5, respectively; Section vitality is the main criterion!
- Existing small-size Sections are stimulated to grow.
- **We are here to help you to increase your level of activity!**

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Rejuvenation of the Section's ExCom

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MGA rules for officer terms   9.4.F.7

- All Section officers must be elected. This election can be conducted annually or every two years. An individual may serve two consecutive terms of office (i.e., 4 years max.).

- An individual shall not serve in a position for more than three terms (i.e., 6 years max.) provided there is at least a one term break.

- Based on these rules, Region 8 has set some conditions to reimburse Section representatives at Region 8 Committee meetings.

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MGA rules for elections 9.4.H

- Nominations Committee (no present officers – 9.4.G)
- Call for nominations (6 months before election)
- Receive nominations (5 months before election)
- Gathering of information; selection of 2-3 candidates; ratification by the Section's ExCom
- Slate of nominated candidates (6 weeks before election)
- Possibility for petition candidates
- Entire slate of candidates (2 weeks)
- Secret ballots

- Make sure that all voting members are able to vote.
- Consider to use vTools for electronic voting.

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Vitality and Section reporting

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Vitality and Section reporting

- Let your report show your vitality
- Show us the things from the past that you are proud of
- Tell us about your interesting plans for the future
- Inform us about your best practices
- Do not hesitate to tell us your points of concerns and topics that should be discussed in the future

- In general: Concentrate on vitality-related success factors

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Do not report on Section officers, membership data and meetings data; we will take care of that.

Important: Sections should check the roster regularly for correctness and report their officers asap using vTools or at *scs-officer-report@ieee.org*.

Sections shall prepare a one-page summary about such (vitality-related) things as:

1. Highlights from the past

▣ Noteworthy events organized by your Section or its Organizational Units

▣ Regional and global events hosted by your Section

▣ Milestone ceremonies

▣ ...

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2. Future activities
- ▣ Noteworthy events organized by your Section or its Organizational Units
- ▣ Regional and global events hosted by your Section
- ▣ Milestone ceremonies
- ▣ …

3. Best practices

4. Points of concern/Topics for future discussion

5. Miscellaneous
- ▣ Awards and other signs of recognition
- ▣ Distinguished Lecturers programs
- ▣ National Society Agreements
- ▣ New Geographic Units (Chap, AG, SB, SB Chap)
- ▣ …

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Concentrate on vitality-related success factors

- ▣ Show how you engage your Members, Chapters, Student Branches, and Affinity Groups
- ▣ Show how you engage in partnerships with other associations and geographic units
- ▣ Show - through input from and discussions with your Section Industry Relations Officer - how you engage with industry
- ▣ Show how you promote IEEE in your local community
- ▣ Show how you embrace new technology opportunities
- ▣ Show the programs that reflect your Section's strengths and interests
- ▣ Show your financial stewardship (i.e. responsible planning and management of resources)

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For inclusion in the agenda book of the next meeting:

- ▣ Submit your report **in time**
- ▣ Limit your report to **one page**
- ▣ **Do not include photographs**

Thank you!

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