

# IEEE Region 8 2013 and Beyond

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# My position statement

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As the Region 8 Director, I will continue to implement the philosophy that I have presented as the Region 8 Vice Chair Student Activities:

- To get new members, we need **active Student Branches**.
- To retain our members - and in particular recently graduated students, with a low retention rate at the moment - we need **active Sections with active Chapters**.
- In the transient period from Student Member to regular Member, GOLD can play an important role; so we need an **active GOLD Activities Subcommittee**.

# My position statement

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- An important role is also played by an **active Professional Activities Subcommittee** and an **active Educational Activities Subcommittee**, which can offer to our members competencies that they did not learn at school and that may be difficult to acquire otherwise.
- Of course, an **active Membership Development Subcommittee** plays a crucial role.
- I will strive to create a **good atmosphere** in the Region, the Region 8 Committee, and the Region 8 Operating Committee. Only in a good and friendly atmosphere can volunteers flourish!

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- I will stimulate a **fruitful cooperation** between all our organizational units and the many **supporting committees** in our Region.
- I will be a **good listener** to remarks coming from the Region 8 Committee members, so that I can represent our Region - geographically the largest and by many means the greatest of all IEEE regions - in a way that is advantageous for most (if not all) of us. In representing the Region, my own opinion will only be relevant for issues that could not be discussed with the Region 8 Committee before, in which case you have to rely on my fair judgement.

# Member-oriented support

## VC Student Activities

- Student Activities Subcommittee
  - Awards & Contests Coordinator
  - Electronic Communications / Web Activities Coordinator
  - Student Branch Coordinator
  - Student Paper Contest Coordinator

## VC Member Activities

- GOLD Activities Subcommittee (Young Professionals)
- Women in Engineering Coordinator
- Life Members Coordinator

# Activity-oriented support

## VC Member Activities

- Professional Activities Subcommittee
- Membership Development Subcommittee

## VC Technical Activities

- Chapter Coordination Subcommittee
- Conference Coordination Subcommittee
- Educational Activities Subcommittee
- Industry Relations Subcommittee
- Future Technical Directions Coordinator
- Publications Coordinator
- Standards Coordinator

# Region 8 Vice Chairs

- Between now and the next Region 8 Committee meeting in Madrid, April 2013, the Vice Chairs are requested to come up with the issues on which they will **focus**.
- These focus points will be presented in Madrid and will be open for **discussion**.
- Vice Chairs can introduce their team, but a full oral report is not expected. Full reporting should be in **written form**, with only a short oral introduction to this written report during the meeting.
- I like to have more **input** from the Sections on the proposed focus points. Ample time will be devoted to that during the Committee meeting.

# Focus points in 2013-2014

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- **Student Branches:** revitalize
- **Chapters:** revitalize and play a pro-active role in founding new Chapters
- **Educational Activities:** play a pro-active role in pre-university activities
- **Industry Relations:** what can IEEE offer to members in industry?
- **History Activities:** play a pro-active role in getting Milestones for the many R8 inventions
- **Membership Development:** can only be effective if IEEE has something to offer; let us concentrate on that



# Focus points in 2013-2014

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- **New Sections:** help the present Subsections that reside under the Region to become a full Section
  - Student Branches
  - Chapters
  - Membership Development
- Explore the possibility for **new Geographic Units** in those parts of our Region where no Sections exist

# Break-out sessions in 2013-2014

- In 2011-2012, break-out sessions were devoted to **Best practices, Successful events**, etc.
- I want to close this for now and hope that a concluding document can be produced.
- In 2013-2014, break-out sessions will be devoted to **Points of concern** and **Topics for future discussion** (e.g., as mentioned in Section reports).
- This may also lead to useful Recommendations for Section Congress.
- The common goal remains to retain and enhance **Section vitality**.

# Committee activities in 2013-14

- 100<sup>th</sup> R8 Committee meeting, Madrid, 19-21 April 2013
  - Instead of having break-out sessions, Saturday afternoon and evening will be devoted to our **Jubilee: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 100<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting**; program to be decided
- 101<sup>st</sup> R8 Committee meeting, ???, October 2013
- 102<sup>nd</sup> R8 Committee meeting, ???, March 2014
- 103<sup>th</sup> R8 Committee meeting, Amsterdam, August 2014
- **Sections Congress**, Amsterdam, 22-25 August 2014

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Thank you!