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1. Highlights from the past
   - Attendance at national association conferences for membership recruitment (Nigeria Society of Engineers Conference in December 2012)
   - Technical Seminars at University of Ilorin and University of Lagos (UNILAG).
   - Monthly GOLD Webinar.
   - Sustenance of a moderated Listserve account for all financially active members.
   - Sustenance of scholarship links and job adverts at our Website.
   - Publication of Section newsletters and Computer Society bulletins.
   - New website for all student branches- www.ieeenigeriastudents.org.
   - EPICs Project - involving secondary school students, university undergraduates and an NGO.

2. Future activities
   - NIGERCON 2013 planned for Nov 14 – 16, 2013
   - Technical Seminar on Microcontroller programming and Essentials of Process Control at University of Port Harcourt
   - Planned Robotics tutorial/competition July 2013
   - Celebration of IEEE day
   - TISP Workshop
   - Professional Activities workshop
   - Completion of EPICs Project - involving secondary school students, university undergraduates, and an NGO.
   - National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) Outreach to be done in camps.
   - Volunteer training for EXCO and Students Branch Chairs.
   - Awards and other signs of recognition/Distinguished Lecturer programme,
   - STEP program in selected schools.
   - Website contest, student paper contests
   - WIE Industrial visits and career talks.
   - PES Distinguished Lecturers programme
   - IEEE ComSoc Techprenuership Seminar
   - Renew efforts to build and enhance relationship with government and corporate entities...

3. Best practices
   - 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.
   - Support to SBs to participate in IEEE international competitions (Extreme programming and Paper contested)

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
   - 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.