

Awards Recognition Subcommittee (ARSC)**Charles Turner****Membership**

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The committee has met by teleconference two times since the Region 8 meeting in Sarajevo in October 2013.

The principal concern of the committee has been to raise the level of awareness of IEEE awards, especially at the Section/Chapter level. In 2013 all Sections were asked to appoint a dedicated Awards Officer and to introduce Section/Chapter-based awards: either volunteer service awards or technical field awards. They were also asked to give more prominence to awards on the Section website. The response has been disappointing, so far. Only 16 of the 56 Sections actually mentioned awards on their website and had appointed an Awards officer. Of the remaining 40 Sections, 10 did not even have a website.

First of all, this survey indicates that there is an urgent need for a review of the degree of priority that Sections give to maintaining an up-to-date and informative website. Secondly, the survey shows that there is a strong correlation between a high level of technical activity or vitality in a Section and a high quality and informative website.

It is hoped that the winners of the following awards will be announced at the Budapest meeting:

- Region 8 Volunteer Award
- Region 8 Outstanding Section Award (Large and small)
- Clementina Saduwa WIE Award
- Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award (Large and small)

So far fewer nominations have been received, compared with previous years, so it is possible that no award will be made in some cases.

MGA Awards Board has requested the committee to review all awards on offer in Region 8 to make sure that they are in compliance with MGA regulations. Other items under consideration include:

- Establishment of a Region 8 Fellows Network to enable members to make easier contact with Fellows in their Section. This could help to increase the number of Fellow Grade nominations, especially from the smaller Sections. IEEE had recently compiled a Fellows Directory that would be useful in creating the network.
- The creation of a special set of awards in Region 8 to honour members and non-members that had achieved notable performance within the Region. It was intended that these awards would have minimal overlap with existing IEEE awards, such as Medals and technical Field Awards, and would therefore recognise achievements in broad areas of technology and service to society.

The committee intends to bring these proposals to the Amsterdam R8 Committee Meeting for discussion and action.

The Committee continues to urge all Section Chairs to promote worthy candidates for all IEEE awards, at every level, and will provide assistance with the preparation of nominations. The IEEE Honors Ceremony will be held in conjunction with SC14 this year.

Charles Turner (Chair Region 8 Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee) March 2014.