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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – 5–6 April 2014

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SUBJECT: Technical Co-sponsoring – Discuss Proposed Fees

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is a proposal to impose a fee of \$1,000 on all technical co-sponsorships, with effect from 1st January 2016. Such an intention will undermine and damage the relationships we have with the national engineering and scientific institutions and communities. We, the non-US IEEE Sections and Chapters are very dependent on the cordial relations and collaborations we have established to serve these institutions and communities. In Ireland, we work closely with 'Engineers Ireland' who outnumber IEEE members by an order of magnitude. In the UK we have formed co-operative relations with the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology), the IoP (Institute of Physics) and the BCS (British Computer Society) with whom we run joint events. There are more than 200,000 qualified engineers in the UK and more than 25,000 in Ireland. By comparison, the members of the UK&RI Section peaks at 11,000. This is a ratio of over 20:1. The national organisations do not charge us for the privilege of joining with them. We and they would regard a demand by the IEEE for payment for technical co-sponsorship as highly damaging the relationships we have built up with them.

PROPOSED ACTION (required for Action items only)

That the Region 8 Committee requests the removal of this proposal. We remind the IEEE Board that it should recognise the importance of working with our national organisations in serving our IEEE members.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Financial Implications

None. We should maintain the current position of not charging a fee for technical co-sponsorship.

Pros and/or Cons

- **Pro:** Action will confirm that we, the IEEE members, located in the many countries outside the USA, are part of the engineering communities in our nations.
- **Pro:** Continue to demonstrate that the IEEE is a partner with the rest of the engineering communities globally.

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- **Con:** The imposition of a fee for technical co-sponsorship will damage our relations with the national engineering and scientific institutions and communities and damage the international reputation of the IEEE.

Implementation

Consider removing the proposal at the next IEEE Board meeting.