

## V/C Member Activities

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### Overview

- As the R8 Vice Chair for Member Activities I am working with the following Coordinators/Subcommittees:
- Membership Development (MD)
- Young Professionals (former GOLD)
- Professional Activities (PA)
- Women in Engineering (WIE)
- Life Members (LM)
- History Activities (HA)
- R8 News
- Electronic Communication (EC)
- Section Congress (SC)
- All the Coordinators/Subcommittees have been asked to submit their individual reports about their activities. You can find their reports in the printed Amsterdam Agenda Book and at the Amsterdam Meeting web page (some of them extended). I am asking you to read them carefully.

### Some brief comments about the Subcommittees/Coordinators activity and highlights from the past

- The Membership Development Subcommittee is working with all our Sections on recruiting, retaining and recovering members. Every member of the Subcommittee is doing his part of the job taking care about all parts of our big Region and many Sections and Subsections. A successful MD Workshop has been held in Dubai in March 2014. MD Monthly Reports and Newsletters are sent out regularly. The membership statistics is showing an increase from month to month in the period from March till January. Since many members have not renewed for 2014 we had a significant drop of membership in February. In February 2014 the membership was higher than in February 2013. We recovered many of the deactivated members and recruited new members. All Sections were asked to be active in recruiting new members and encouraging deactivated members to renew for 2014.
- The Young Professional (former GOLD) Subcommittee was very active and it has done its job very well. The visibility of the YP Program has been increased among students by participating in cross sectional Student Branch Congresses in 2013 and at the R8 SYP in Krakow. The YPSC encourages the activity and reporting of existing YP Affinity Groups. New YP Affinity Groups have been formed. Several new programs (like Company branches Program, Event Exchange Program) have been started. I would like to point out the cooperation between YPSC, SAC and PASC.
- In 2014 the Professional Activities Subcommittee started with a new PASC Chair, who was a member of the 2013 PASC, and two new members. There is still a need to increase the number of Section PA Officers and the activity on the Section level. Sending PA Newsletters to Sections started. According to the survey, there is great variety in member needs by location, age etc. Several workshops have been held and planned for 2014. PASC is looking for new speakers.
- The WIE Subcommittee is successfully increasing the activity and participation of women in R8. New WIE affinity groups have been formed.
- In many Sections we still have more than enough Life Members to form Life Member Affinity Groups. It is also important to keep active the existing Groups by organizing meetings and timely reporting of them. After having only 10 LM Affinity Groups in R8 for a long time, a new one has been formed in the Germany Section. It will be published more about Life Member activities in R8 News. The Israel Section LMAG is active in organizing the next HISTELCON 2015.
- In History Activities there are great possibilities for new Milestones. A simplified guide explaining the steps for processing Milestones can be found on our webpage <http://www.ieeer8.org/category/member-activities/history-activities/>. Two History Milestones have been approved in the Germany Section - the first ones in that Section. On the Section level Life Members can help a lot in history activities.
- Our Region 8 News editors are doing their job very well. Besides the regular issues, the Jubilee edition was updated and reprinted for SC in Amsterdam.
- Our Electronic Communication Coordinator is successfully facilitating the communication in the Region 8 Committee and between the Committee and the IEEE members in our Region.
- Our Section Congress Coordinator is fully involved into SC 2014 activities and reporting about it to the R8 Committee.

### Future activities

- Preparation and participation at the 2014 Sections Congress in Amsterdam
- Preparation and participation at the 2014 Student and Young Professionals Congress in Krakow
- Continue to improve the cooperation between Subcommittees/Coordinators by helping each other and working together on common projects
- Continue to establish regional teams for MD, GOLD, PA, WIE, LM, HA etc. consisting of single Regional Subcommittees/Coordinators and the corresponding Section officers
- Encouraging and helping the formation of new organizational units (Subsections, Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups)
- Helping the operation of existing organizational units and their vitality
- Member recruiting and retention
- New Milestones

#### **Points of concern / Topics for future discussion**

- Helping Sections to improve Section vitality
- Timely organizing elections and timely reporting of Section officers
- Timely Section reporting of meetings
- Timely Section financial reporting

#### **Web Pages**

- Information about Member Activities and links for different MA Subcommittees/Coordinators are available at <http://www.ieeer8.org/category/member-activities/>

#### **Miscellaneous**

- I am a member of the IEEE MGA Geographic Units Operation and Support (GUOS) Committee. We are working on conditions for improving the vitality of organizational units (regions, sections, chapters, affinity groups). Visit the Section Vitality dashboard [www.ieee.org/societies\\_communities/geo\\_activities/dashboard.html](http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/dashboard.html)? I would like to point out that according to the MGA Operations Manual Section/Councils shall be responsible for distributing funds to its Chapters in accordance with a stated set of objectives and a plan of distribution, which shall be in consonance with the missions of the IEEE, MGA and TAB. Chapters are entitled to receive the funds generated by their own activities, including dues rebates (earned during the preceding year as computed by the Dues Rebate formula).
- I am Vice Chair of the IEEE MGA Membership Recruitment and Recovery (MRR) Committee. The MRRC has two main goals: recruiting new members and retention (making sure that current members stay).