

List of Participants

Full Name	Position
Martin Bastiaans	R8 Director
Costas Stasopoulos	R8 Director-Elect
Marko Delimar	R8 Past-Director
Ali El-Mousa	R8 Secretary
Brian Harrington	R8 Treasurer
Aleksandar Szabo	R8 Vice Chair Member Activities
Pablo Herrero	R8 Vice Chair Student Activities
Carl Debono	R8 Vice Chair Technical Activities
Peter Roessler	Austria Section Chair
Wafeeq Ajoor	Bahrain Section Chair
Valentin Baranov	Belarus Section Chair
Luc Vandendorpe	Benelux Section Chair
Dusanka Boskovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina Section Chair
Georgi Stoyanov	Bulgaria Section Representative
Mislav Grgic	Croatia Section Chair
Marios Antoniou	Cyprus Section Chair
Matj Pacha	Czechoslovakia Section Representative
Ahmed Darwish	Egypt Section Chair
Kalle Tammemäe	Estonia Section Chair
Rafal Sliz	Finland Section Vice-Chair & R8 YP Chair
Amara Amara	France Section Chair
Rajan John	Ghana Section Chair
Athanassio Skodras	Greece Section Chair
Peter Kadar	Hungary Section Chair
Thomas Philip Runarsson	Iceland Section Vice Chair
Amin Nobakhti	Iran Section Treasurer
Jacob Baal-Schem	Israel Section Representative & R8 LM coordinator
Ermanno Cardelli	Italy Section Chair
Mohamed Abdelazeez	Jordan Section Chair
John Matogo	Kenya Section CS Chapter Chair
Fadhel Abulhasan	Kuwait Section Secretary & Treasurer
Andrejs Romanovs	Latvia Section Vice Chair
Ghassan Shaban	Lebanon Section Chair
Dalius Navakauskas	Lithuania Section Chair
Owen Casha	Malta Section Secretary
Gloria Chukwudebe	Nigeria Section Chair
Olav Gaute Helleso	Norway Section Vice Chair
Amer Saif Al-Hinai	Oman Section Chair
Ryszard Jachowicz	Poland Section Chair
Sofia Gomes	Portugal Section Vice Chair
Ljupco Karadzinov	Republic of Macedonia Section Chair
Mircea Eremia	Romania Section Vice Chair
Grigorii Khazankin	Russia (Siberia) Section Secretary
Muhammad Al-Dhamen	Saudi Arabia (East) Section Chair
Reem Turkey	Saudi Arabia Western Section Representative
Natasa Neskovic	Serbia and Montenegro Section Chair
Urban Burnik	Slovenia Section Chair
Shaun Kaplan	South Africa Section Secretary
Emilio Corchado	Spain Section Vice Chair
Mats Edvinsson	Sweden Section Chair
Maria-Alexandra Paun	Switzerland Section Secretary
Jaleddine Ben Hadj Slama	Tunisia Section Vice Chair
Basak Yuksel	Turkey Section Representative
Ievgen Pichkalyov	Ukraine Section Vice Chair
Hussain Al-Ahmad	United Arab Emirates Section Vice Chair
Stephen Nightingale	United Kingdom and Ireland Section Chair
Kabwe Bellington	Zambia Section Chair
Charles Turner	R8 Awards and Recognition Chair
Victor Fouad Hanna	R8 Awards and Recognition SC Member

Elya Joffe	R8 Chapter Coordination Chair
Simay Akar	R8 Chapter Coordination SC Member - SB Chapters
Jan Haase	R8 Conference Coordination Chair
Stefano Zanero	R8 Conference Coordination SC Member
Fotini-Niovi Pavlidou	R8 Educational Activities Chair - Continuing Education
Sohaib Qamar Sheikh	R8 Educational Activities SC Member - Pre-university
Rui Costa	R8 Educational Activities SC Member - University
George Michael	R8 Electronic Communications Coordinator
Anthony Davies	R8 History Activities SC Chair
Kurt Richter	R8 History Activities SC Member
Andreas Neumeier	R8 Industry Relations SC Member
Antonio Luque	R8 Membership Development Chair
Andreas Koltes	R8 Membership Development SC Member
Zhijia Huang	R8 News Editor
Alistair Dabbs	R8 News Productions Editor
Urmet Jänes	R8 Professional Activities Chair
Habib Kammoun	R8 Professional Activities SC Member
Shashank Gaur	R8 Professional Activities SC Member
Jorge Soares	R8 Strategic Planning SC Member
Christopher James	R8 Strategic Planning SC Member / EMB018
Elias Nassar	R8 Student Activities Past Chair
Piotr Graca	R8 Student Awards and Contest Coordinator
Efthymia Arvaniti	R8 Student Branch Coordinator
Younna El-Bitar	R8 Student Electronic Communications Coordinator
Djordje Paunovic	R8 Student Paper Contest Coordinator
Christian M. Schmid	R8 Student Representative
Daniel Pasquet	R8 Voluntary Contribution Fund Coordinator
Joyce Mwangama	R8 Women in Engineering Coordinator
Ana Katalinic	R8 Young Professionals SC Member
Flavia Dinca	R8 Young Professionals SC Member
Elena Pareja	R8 Young Professionals SC Member
Margaretha Eriksson	R8 Director-Elect Candidate
Magdalena Salazar Palma	R8 Director-Elect Candidate
Igor Kuzle	R8 OpCom candidate
Manuel Castro	R8 OpCom candidate
Nazih Khaddaj Mallat	R8 OpCom Candidate
Vince Socci	IEEE Director Region 1
Peter Staecker	IEEE Past President (2013)
Roberto de Marca	IEEE President & CEO
Tariq Durrani	IEEE President-Elect Candidate
Gianluca Setti	IEEE Vice President, Publication Services and Products
James Prendergast	IEEE Executive Director
Doug Gorham	IEEE Managing Director, Educational Activities
Jonathan Dahl	IEEE Global Sales Dept.
Cecelia Jankowski	IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Managing Director
Jamie Moesch	IEEE MGA Senior Director, Member Experience
Joe Lillie	IEEE National Society Agreements Coordinator
Paul Canning	IEEE Xplore Digital Library for Europe, Africa (Staff)
Moira Patterson	IEEE-SA Sr. Manager, Global Activities
Holly Schneider Brown	IEEE Staff Lead, SIGHT (Special Interest Groups on Humanitarian Technology)
Karine Iffour	Director, Business Development Europe
Athanasios Kakarountas	Greece Section PSD for SC14
Jose Pedro Silva	Portugal Section Secretary
Mladen Koprivica	Serbia and Montenegro Section Treasurer
Mourad LOULOU	Tunisia section Past Chair
Hassene Mnif	Tunisia Section Treasurer
Maryam Althani	UAE Section Past Chair
Paul Cunningham	United Kingdom and Ireland Social Implications of Technology Chapter Chair
Adel Alimi	Sfax Sub-Section Chair
Bakr Hassan	Gulf Accreditation SC
Peter Nagy	HTE Managing Director

Thursday, 21 August 2014

101. Call to Order

Region 8 Director **Martin Bastiaans** opened the 103rd IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting by welcoming everyone and then asked the R8 Secretary, **Ali El-Mousa** if there was a quorum. The secretary replied in the affirmative.

103. Welcome

IEEE Benelux Section Chair **Luc Vandendorpe** thanked the local committee and welcomed everybody to the city of Amsterdam on the behalf of the Benelux Section.

104. Introduction of New Officers

All Section chairs introduced themselves by stating their names and home Sections.

105. Introductory Remarks

Director **Martin Bastiaans** announced the loss of 1989-1990 R8 Director Sven-Olof hrvik and called for a moment of silence. [An obituary](#) can be found on the meeting website. Secretary **Ali El-Mousa** announced some logistic information.

106. Approval of the Agenda

Director **Martin Bastiaans** announced minor changes to the agenda that were approved by the committee. He also informed the committee that minor changes may be required due to Sections Congress and other regional meetings.

AGENDA

Thursday, 21 August 2014

Time	#	Type	Item	Presenter
8:00	101	Procedural	Call to order	Bastiaans
8:05	102	Procedural	Roll call	El-Mousa
8:10	103	Procedural	Welcome	Vandendorpe
8:15	104	Procedural	Introduction of new officers	El-Mousa
8:25	105	Procedural	Introductory remarks	Bastiaans/El-Mousa
8:30	106	Action	Approval of the agenda	Bastiaans
8:35	107	Action	Approval of the consent agenda	Bastiaans
8:40	108	Discussion	Directors address	Bastiaans
8:55	109	Discussion	Secretarys report	El-Mousa
9:10	110	Action	Treasurers report budget for 2015	Harrington
9:30	111	Discussion	Strategic Planning	Delimar
9:35	112	Discussion	Sections Congress 2014	Salazar-Palma/Skodras
9:55	113	Discussion	Awards & Recognitions	Delimar/Turner
10:10	114	Procedural	Break	
10:40	115	Discussion	Student Activities report	Herrero c.s.
			Student and Young Professional Congress outcome	Herrero/Schmid
			Student Branch revitalization	Arvaniti
11:25	116	Discussion	MGA Managing Directors address (MGA Information Management)	Jankowski
12:25	117	Procedural	Recess	Bastiaans
12:30			Group photo	
12:40			Lunch	
13:00	201	Procedural	Call to order	Bastiaans
13:35	202	Discussion	Presentation of OpCom candidates	Delimar
14:35	203	Discussion	Presentation of N&A Subcommittee candidates	Delimar
14:50	204	Procedural	Break	
15:20	205	Discussion	Discussion about OpCom candidates	Delimar
15:50	206	Procedural	Election of OpCom members	Delimar
16:10	207	Discussion	Discussion about N&A Subcommittee candidates	Delimar
16:20	208	Action	Election of N&A Subcommittee members	Delimar
16:30	209	Procedural	Recess	Bastiaans

Friday, 22 August 2014

Time	#	Type	Item	Presenter
8:00	301	Procedural	Call to order and roll call	Bastiaans/El-Mousa
8:05	302	Discussion	IEEE Presidents address	de Marca
8:35	303	Discussion	IEEE Executive Directors address	Prendergast
9:05	304	Discussion	Member Activities report	Szabo c.s.
9:50	305	Discussion	TM Council change to Technology and Engineering Management Society	Desmond
			Communication Conference targeted towards industry	Desmond
10:00	306	Discussion	Section development and vitality: Metropolitan Area Workshop	Stasopoulos
10:010	307	Discussion	Section development and vitality: Entrepreneur activities	Stasopoulos
10:20	308	Procedural	Break	
10:50	309	Discussion	Technical Activities report	Debono c.s.
			Appropriately allocating expenses from technically cosponsored conferences	Debono
			Education challenges in the Global Village	Pavlidou
			The Distinguished Lecturer program	Joffe
			Webinars on conference organization	Haase
			Industry Relation activities experiences and how to proceed	Neumeier
11:34	310	Discussion	Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT)	Brown
11:45	311	Discussion	National Society Agreements	Lillie
12:00	312	Discussion	IEEE Ad Hoc Committee on Activities in Europe (Africa Ad Hoc Committee Update)	Delimar
12:15	313	Discussion	Director-Elect's address	Stasopoulos
12:30	314	Action	Motions	Bastiaans
	315	Action	Revision to IEEE Region 8 Operations Manual	Delimar
12:45	316	Discussion	New business	Bastiaans
12:50	317	Info	Next meeting	El-Mousa/Antoniou
12:55	318	Action	Adjournment	Bastiaans
13:00			Lunch	
14:00			Lunch ends	

Consent Agenda

- 401 Action Approval of the minutes of the 102nd Region 8 Committee meeting
- 402 Action Revision to collection of IEEE Region 8 donations

107. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was presented by Martin Bastiaans and was adopted unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

x	Type	#	Item	Author
x	Action	100	Approval of the Minutes of the 102nd Region 8 Committee meeting in Budapest, 5-6 April 2014	Ali El-Mousa
x	Report	101	Awards & Recognition	Charles Turner
x	Report	102	Chapter Coordination	Elya B. Joffe
x	Report	103	Conference Coordination	Jan Haase
x	Report	104	Educational Activities	Niovi Pavlidou
x	Report	105	Electronic Communications	George Michael
x	Report	106	History Activities	Tony Davies
x	Report	107	Industry Relations	Terje Gjengedal
x	Report	108	Life Members	Jacob Baal-Schem
x	Report	109	Membership Development	Antonio Luque Estepa
x	Report	110	Nominations and Appointments	Marko Delimar
x	Report	111	Professional Activities	Urmet Janes
x	Report	112	Region 8 News	Roland Saam / Zhijia Huang
x	Report	113	Sections Congress	Athanassios Skodras
x	Report	114	Strategic Planning	Marko Delimar

x	Report	115	Voluntary Contribution Fund	Daniel Pasquet
x	Report	116	Women in Engineering	Joyce Mwangama
x	Report	117	Young Professionals	Rafal Sliz
x	Report	201	Austria	Peter Roessler
x	Report	202	Bahrain	Wafeeq Ajoor
x	Report	203	Belarus	Valentin Baranov
x	Report	204	Benelux	Claude Oestges
x	Report	205	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dusanka Boskovic
x	Report	206	Bulgaria	Rossitza Goleva
x	Report	207	Croatia	Mislav Grgic
x	Report	208	Cyprus	Marios Antoniou
x	Report	209	Czechoslovakia	Jan Vrba
	Report	210	Denmark	Ole Lauridsen
x	Report	211	Egypt	Ahmed Darwish
x	Report	212	Estonia	Kalle Tammemae
x	Report	213	Finland	Rafal Sliz
x	Report	214	France	Amara Amara
x	Report	215	Germany	Axel Richter
x	Report	216	Ghana	Rajan John
x	Report	217	Greece	Athanassios Skodras
x	Report	218	Hungary	Peter Kadar
x	Report	219	Iceland	Thomas Philip Runarsson
x	Report	220	Iran	Farzaneh Abdollahi
x	Report	221	Iraq	Sattar Bader Sadkhan
x	Report	222	Israel	Simon Litsyn
x	Report	223	Italy	Ermanno Cardelli
x	Report	224	Jordan	Mohamed K Abdelazeez
x	Report	225	Kenya	Aniruddha Shahapure
x	Report	226	Kuwait	Fadhel Abulhasan
x	Report	227	Latvia	Andrejs Romanovs
x	Report	228	Lebanon	Youssef Nasser
x	Report	229	Lithuania	Dalius Navakauskas
x	Report	230	Malta	Edward Gatt
x	Report	231	Morocco	Mohamed Essaïdi
x	Report	232	Nigeria	Gloria Chukwudebe
x	Report	233	Norway	Yuming Jiang
x	Report	234	Oman	Amer Al-Hinai
x	Report	235	Poland	Ryszard Jachowicz
x	Report	236	Portugal	Nuno Borges Carvalho
	Report	237	Qatar	Yacob Mulla Saleh
x	Report	238	Republic of Macedonia	Ljupco Karadzinov
x	Report	239	Romania	Mircea Eremia
	Report	240	Russia	Sergey Bankov
x	Report	241	Russia (Northwest)	Sergey Shaposhnikov
x	Report	242	Russia (Siberia)	Grigoriy R. Khazankin
x	Report	243	Saudi Arabia (East)	Muhammad Al-Dhamen
x	Report	244	Saudi Arabia (West)	Reem H. Turkey
x	Report	245	Serbia and Montenegro	Natasa Neskovic
x	Report	246	Slovenia	Urban Burnik
x	Report	247	South Africa	Riana Geschke
x	Report	248	Spain	Oscar M. Bonastre
x	Report	249	Sweden	Mats Edvinsson
x	Report	250	Switzerland	Maria-Alexandra Paun
x	Report	251	Tunisia	Faouzi Bouani
	Report	252	Turkey	/ Gözde Bozdagi Akar
x	Report	253	Ukraine	Ievgen Pichkalov
x	Report	254	United Arab Emirates	Essa Basaeed
x	Report	255	United Kingdom and Ireland	Steve Nightingale
x	Report	256	Zambia	Bellington Kabwe

The reports and presentations that follow can be found at:

<http://www.ieeer8.org/category/committee/meetings/2014-august-amsterdam/>

108. Director's Address

Director Bastiaans highlighted special guests and special agenda items. He informed the committee that the IEEE presidential elections are open and that there will be Region 8 OpCom elections during the meeting for which he explained the election process. Martin Bastiaans also talked about the agenda book, Sections congress, and the importance of reporting. He reminded the committee about the 3 strategic challenges

- Go to industry!
- Increase IEEE's footprint!
- Think education!

More information about milestones, awards, MGA and other points from his address can be found in the [Director's presentation](#) and in [his report](#). Finally he pointed out the value and importance of Sections Congress which happened after the Regional meeting.

109. Secretary's Report

Secretary **Ali El-Mousa** reported on the last meeting in Budapest and pointed out the meeting website. Issues of concern were out-of-date Section websites and officer reporting. Ali El-Mousa advised that the 122 registered attendees should make good use of meeting and Section Congress. Functional Google accounts are now being tested for R8 officers. Finally Ali El-Mousa announced motion drafts on appointments and accountability, for which he asked for feedback. More information can be found in [his presentation](#) and in [his report](#).

110. Treasurer's Report - Budget for 2015

Treasurer **Brian Harrington** explained the reimbursement form and the budget of the current year (can be found in the [treasurer's presentation](#)). He explained why the assets were building up and made predictions about the status at the end of the year. Brian Harrington pointed out the importance of reporting and said that he is working on administrative issues to minimize procedural bureaucratic hurdles. In summary the treasurer feels confident about the budget and the future financial outlook of Region 8.

Some discussion of the budget followed Brian's presentation:

- Question from the committee: Who does R8 spend 70k on publications?
 - Answer by Brian: The reason is the R8 News, which are very important for Region 8 to have in print for visibility/publicity.
 - Comment from Marko Delimar: Being about 1 USD/member this is money well spent.
 - Comment from Zhijia Huang: R8 News is a push service that is important compared to pull services (e.g., websites).
 - Comment from Tony Davies: Pointed out the important of R8 News for publicity.
- Question from the committee: What are the current financial market conditions, aren't they good now?
 - Answer by Brian: The long term outlook is good, still exchange rates are a problem. Sometimes IEEE MGA makes things difficult.
- Question from Ali El-Mousa: Can the budget for the website be increased?
 - Answer by Brian: This can be handled as special project outside the Secretary budget.

The committee approved the 2015 budget for IEEE Region 8 unanimously.

111. Strategic Planning

Marko Delimar pointed out the importance of the strategic key challenges in [his presentation](#). Many past challenges can be considered as solved. Others like the activities in Africa and in the EU are on track. The sub-committee reports reflect how the sub-committees tackled the key challenges in their respective areas. Marko Delimar also reminded the committee about IEEE's key challenges. A short discussion followed.

- Comment from the committee: It is time for a better representation of the Middle East in Region 8.
 - Response by Marko Delimar: During his term there were many officers from the Middle East, but he also agrees that one should look into options to strengthen Technical Activities in the Middle East.

More information can be found in the [Strategic Planning report](#).

112. Sections Congress 2014

Magdalena Salazar-Palma highlighted the opportunities during Sections Congress (SC) for learning and networking with the over 1000 SC attendees. The three MGA goals

- Deliver a World-Class membership experience
- Expand IEEE's global membership presence
- Modernize the volunteer experience

are deeply embedded in the congress through a combination of breakout sessions, learning labs, ignite talks, fish bowls, exhibits, honor ceremony and other sessions. More information can be found on the [sections congress website](#) and through the Sections congress mobile application.

Athanasios Skodras explained the recommendation and voting process which shall help the board of directors define future directions. The top five recommendations will be presented at picked up by MGA. There were 34 recommendations in total and the primary section representatives can vote via the mobile application. iPads are available for representatives who have no mobile devices. More information can be found in the [Sections Congress report](#).

113. Awards & Recognitions

In his presentation **Charles Turner** pointed out the list of MGA and institute awards and encourages Sections to become more active in awards. An awards officer in every Section would be helpful. Awards are a means to promote Section vitality. Also awards should be on display, e.g., on the Section websites. Instituting new awards can also be beneficial for Sections and other IEEE OUs. Three awards were presented to the following Sections

- Hungary Sections: Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the 102nd Region 8 committee meeting
- Lebanon Section: Certificate of Appreciation for hosting MeleCon 2014
- Croatia Section: Certificate of Appreciation for hosting EnergyCon 2014

115. Student Activities Report

Efthymia Arvaniti presented results on the [student branch \(SB\) revitalization](#). The first step was to gather information from the Section chairs. The analysis served as a basis for trying to reactivate dormant student branches: 10 SBs were reactivated, 5 more are in progress. Efthymia also provided reasons why SBs become inactive. The Student and Young Professional (SYP) Congress 2014 helped to reactivate dormant SBs and keep others active by transfer of knowledge. The project should be continued.

- Questions by Aleksandar Szabo: What does SAC do to increase membership numbers?
 - Answer by Efthymia: The key is to promote the benefits of IEEE.
- Comment by Pablo Herrero: Efthymias project achieved 10 reactivated SBs at a budget of 0 USD.
- Comment from the committee: MOUs between IEEE and universities can help.

Pablo Herrero and **Christian M. Schmid** presented some of the [outcomes of the SYP congress](#) that was attended by 420 attendees (partially funded by IEEE Region 8). Highlights that were aligned with the Region 8 goals were highschool students at the congress, industry involvement and the engaging poster session. **Younna El-Bitar** showed a [selection of photos](#) from the event and commented on them. Finally Pablo and Christian pointed out some benefits of SYP congress for Sections.

- Comment from Spain: The Spanish SYP congress participants gave very good feedback.
- Comment from Nigeria: Visas were denied.
- Comment from Egypt: Visas 7 out of 15 students were denied.
- Comment from Finland: Most important thing is to apply in time.
- Question from committee: How to retain student members?
 - Answer from Rafal (YP): We are working on this.
- Comment from the committee: A transition program could be beneficial.

Additional information can be found in the [subcommittee report](#).

306. Section Development and Vitality: Metropolitan Area Workshop

The agenda point was shifted to Thursday.

Costas Stasopolous showed a short video on [metro area workshops](#) which is an initiative from R1-R6 targeted at practitioners to inform them about the benefits of IEEE. The workshops are 1-2 day seminars about a current topic and proved to be a great benefit. Workshop fees are low and often paid by employers. Costas also presented the 10 steps to organize such a workshop and informed the committee that the first workshop in Region 8 will be organized in France. More information will be available during SC.

- Comment from Ali El-Mousa: Close cooperation with an advisory committee can be beneficial. The event proved to be successful in Jordan.

116. MGA Managing Director's Address

Cecelia Jankowski started by inviting the committee to take the opportunity to interact with staff during SC. She handed over to **Vera Sharoff**, who gave an overview about [electronic tools for volunteers](#):

- E-Notice: Will be replaced by a new application soon

- V-Tools Voting: Has undergone some improvements (voter lists, ...)
- Sections Dashboard: The one stop for Section officers, added also chapters.
- Google for OUs: generic accounts assigned to officers.

There were a couple of questions.

- Question from Portugal: Will the Sections Dashboard work for student branches also?
- Question from Sweden: What is the timeline for Region 8 Sections?
 - Answer by Vera: Not exactly sure yet?
- Question from Christian Schmid: What is done to update data in SAMIEEE, especially student branch data?
 - Answer by Vera: There is still a lot to do, but the data has improved.
- Question from Jorge Soares: Can birthday dates be made available for Sections sending out birthday notes?
 - Answer by Vera: This is a difficult question that involves privacy.

Cecelia Jankowski started [her presentation](#) by talking about some ideas from the Budapest meeting and the problem of finding solutions that work in every geographic region. The MGA goals are however generic and important everywhere:

- Deliver a World-Class membership experience
- Expand IEEE's global membership presence
- Modernize the volunteer experience

The goal is to reach member and partner satisfaction through programs that are scalable globally. Many of the issues touched by Cecelia Jankowski during the talk will be addressed during Section Congress. The three goals are the key.

- Questions from the committee: How to involve and do more for life members?
 - Answer by Cecelia Jankowski: A survey was conducted and the most valuable thing seems to be the life member newsletter.

202. Presentation of OpCom Candidates (Presentations)

Marko Delimar introduced the N&A Subcommittee and [explained the election process](#). He started by explaining the IEEE president election process, the R8 Director election and continued with the OpCom procedure. All 12 OpCom candidates had 4 minutes [to introduce themselves](#). Here is the list of candidates.

- Secretary
 - Ali El-Mousa (Jordan) nominated by petition
 - Christian Schmid (Austria) nominated by R8 NA
- Treasurer
 - Brian Harrington (UK and Ireland) nominated by R8 NA
- Vice-Chair, Member Activities
 - Dusanka Boskovic (Bosnia Herzegovina) nominated by R8 NA
 - Manuel Castro (Spain) nominated by R8 NA
 - Christopher James (UK and Ireland) nominated by R8 NA
- Vice-Chair, Student Activities
 - Mona Ghassemian (UK and Ireland) nominated by R8 NA
 - Nazih Khaddaj Mallat (UAE) nominated by R8 NA
 - Andrejs Romanovs (Latvia) nominated by R8 NA
- Vice-Chair, Technical Activities
 - Elya Joffe (Israel) nominated by R8 NA
 - Igor Kuzle (Croatia) nominated by R8 NA
 - Daniel Pasquet (France) nominated by R8 NA

The slate can also be found in the [Nominations and Appointment Subcommittee presentation](#). The candidate presentations are also [to be found online](#).

203. Presentation of N&A Subcommittee Candidates

The slate for the N&A Subcommittee Elections 2014 was given as follows

- Rui Cruz (Portugal)
- Athanassios Skodras (Greece)
- Jacob Baal-Schem (Israel)

205-208. Executive Session: Discussions and Elections

The outcome of the OpCom elections was as follows:

- Secretary
 - Christian Schmid (Austria)
- Treasurer

- Brian Harrington (UK and Ireland)
- Vice-Chair, Member Activities
 - Dusanka Boskovic (Bosnia Herzegovina)
- Vice-Chair, Student Activities
 - Mona Ghassemian (UK and Ireland)
- Vice-Chair, Technical Activities
 - Igor Kuzle (Croatia)

The outcome of the N&A Subcommittee elections 2014 was as follows:

- Rui Cruz (Portugal)
- Athanassios Skodras (Greece)
- Jacob Baal-Schem (Israel)

Recess

Friday, 22 August 2014

301. Call to Order

Region 8 Director, **Martin Bastiaans**, restarted the meeting by welcoming everyone again and then asked the R8 Secretary, **Ali El-Mousa**, if there was a quorum and the secretary replied in the affirmative. The meeting continued to the presentation of the election results (see above).

303. IEEE Executive Director's Address

James Prendergast gave a presentation that included the following topics:

- Business Highlights,
- Major Initiatives,
- Operations,
- Products & Services Snapshots,
- and Recognition and Impact.

Details about all of those topics can be found in the [presentation available online](#). A short discussion followed.

- Question from the committee: Can you please shed some light on corporate sales?
 - Answer by James: Corporate sales is selling services to large cooperations, e.g. Xplore for companies.
- Question from the committee: Is there bundling of membership offerings?
 - Answer by James: Membership bundling is not done and is not believed to be successful.

302. IEEE President's Address

Roberto de Marca gave [an overview about the membership development, publications and conferences](#) with respect to geography and demography. The main message is that IEEE should do better. Region 10 dominates, but that IEEE Region 8 is doing ok. Providing value to members (also in industry) should be priority number one to increase membership numbers. The president sees the following issues that have to be resolved:

- Membership Strategy and how to add value to members. Membership growth has been slow.
- Improve financial reporting and control on IEEE finances.
- How can we bring new revenue streams that are aligned to our core values.
- .org vs. .com
- Should we continue to be a volunteer driven organization?
- How can we continue to be a respected and relevant organization in the future?

A discussion followed the presentation.

- Comment from the Tony Davies: IEEE should stay a volunteer driven organization.
- Question from the committee: Why is the membership number in the US dropping?
 - Answer by Roberto: The interest and support of industry members is getting smaller, it is also a question of membership value.
- Question from the committee: How is the structure of IEEE responding to the challenges it faces?
 - Answer by Roberto: There has to be discussions and they are ongoing.
- Comments from the committee: Remove negatives and add positives for industry members.
- Comments from Costas Stasopoulos: IEEE should focus on improving student retention.
- Question from the committee: What does "Improve financial reporting and control on IEEE finances." mean?
 - Answer by Roberto de Marca: We have to understand how we spend money.

- Comment from the committee: Members from developing countries will not choose the electronic membership, as they have other cheaper membership options.
- Comments from Marko Delimar: E-membership is not targeted at members with low income.
- Comments from the committee: Membership fees should be reconsidered for retired members.

304. Member Activities Report

Aleksandar Szabo pointed out the importance of cooperation between sub-committees. After highlighting the tools for volunteers and showing some membership statistics he started with the first sub-committee presentation.

- **Life Members:** Highlights include the life member groups, the e-notice letters and activities at HISTELCON 2015.
- **History Activities:** Tonie Davies gave an update on IEEE milestone activities in Region 8.
- **Membership Development:** Antonio Luque presented the current membership statistics and current subcommittee activities.
- **Women in Engineering:** Joyce Mwangama showed WIE membership and affinity group statistics. Future activities will include revitalization of dormant groups and awards.
- **Professional Activities:** Urmet Janes gave an overview on the activities of the subcommittee. Successful activities were the speakers program and a survey that was conducted.
- **Region 8 News:** Zhijia Huang pointed out the importance of the R8 News for the members and IEEE's viability/publicity.
- **Young Professionals (YP):** Rafal Sliz and his team gave a presentation about SYP congress, the status of the YP affinity groups in R8 and the activities of the affinity groups. An award was presented to the Nigeria Section YP affinity group.

All member activities presentations can be found on the [R8 website](#). More details are available in the Amsterdam meeting agenda book and on the [Amsterdam Meeting website](#).

- Comment from committee: Thank you to the Young Professionals for helping in the organization of the Student and Young Professional Congress 2014.

305. TM Council change to Technology and Engineering Management Society: Communication Conference targeted towards industry

Celia Desmond talked about a conference targeted at industry and about the change of the TM council into the new engineering management society. Sections will be needed to promote the new society.

Role of Professional Societies in Addressing 21st Century Global Grand Challenges

Tariq S Durrani presented [his vision](#) about the Role of Professional Societies in Addressing 21st Century Global Grand Challenges.

307. Section Development and Vitality: Entrepreneur Activities

Costas Stasopolous gave a presentation about Entrepreneur Activities in cooperation with the European Union. He focused on the key objectives and the next steps. Details can be found in the [online version of the presentation](#).

309. Technical Activities Report

Carl James Debono and his team provided an [update about the activities in their department](#). A motion was presented to host the next MELECON 2016 in Cyprus. The motion was approved by the committee. The members of his subcommittees delivered presentations on the following topics:

- **Niovi Pavlidou, Sohaib Qamar Sheikh** and **Rui Costa** reported on educational activities.
- **Elya B. Joffe** reported information about the distinguished lecturers program.
- **Jan Haase** reported about activities of the conference coordination subcommittee.
- **Andreas Neumeier** reported about activities of the industry subcommittee and on short and long term goals.

A discussion followed.

- Comment from the committee: IEEE should not only think locally, but should also focus on companies.
 - Answer by Andreas Neumeier: An efficient structure has to be defined.
- Question from the committee: Is there a list of distinguished lecture videos?
 - Answer by Elya Joffe: Some societies have browseable lists, but not all societies.
- Comments from the committee: How can companies like Cisco be not aware of IEEE.
 - Answer by Andreas Neumeier: They are aware of IEEE, but not necessarily about the full scope of IEEE.
 - Answer by Andreas Neumeier: There is a database, but what would be the benefit?
- Question from the committee: What about cooperation between subcommittees?
 - Answer by Carl Debono: Confirmed that this is an important aspect.
- Comment from the committee: Are there any formal procedures for the Section technical activities officers?

○ Answer by Carl Debono: Section officers can be reported via vtools and can get in touch with the R8 committee. More information can be found in the technical [activities report](#).

310. Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT)

Holly Schneider Brown presented the [SIGHT program](#) to the committee and invited the participants for interaction during Sections Congress.

311. National Society Agreements

<http://www.ieeer8.org/download/19344/> Joe Lillie

312. IEEE Ad Hoc Committee on Activities in Europe (Africa Ad Hoc Committee Update)

Peter Staecker presented [activities of the Africa Ad Hoc Committee](#) and Marko Delimar gave an [update of the Ad Hoc Committee on Activities in Europe](#).

- Comment from the Margaretha Eriksson: Pointed out the EUREL organization to the committee and proposes a cooperation.
- Question from Kurt Richter: Who elects the members of these committees.
 - Answer by Marko Delimar: There was a transparent appointment process.
- Comments from the committee: A Gulf Cooperation Council committee may also be useful.
 - Answer by Marko Delimar: There should be a thought process to continue the conversation.

313. Director-Elect's address

Director-Elect **Costas Stasopoulos** presented the vision and mission of region 8. He also explained what his vision is for Region 8 and his plan to promote the vision. His presentation can be found on the R8 webserver <http://www.ieeer8.org/download/19365/>.

314. Motions

No additional motions were brought forward.

315. Revision to IEEE Region 8 Operations Manual

Based on the e-mail sent out to the committee members on 8 July 2014 proposed a motion of for the revision to IEEE Region 8 Operations Manual. A summary of the motion can be found in the appendix to the meeting minutes. The motion passed.

316. New Business

There was no new business.

317. Next Meeting

The next Region 8 Committee meeting will be held in Limassol, Cyprus on 27-28 March 2015. Cyprus Section Chair **Marios Antoniou** gave a [presentation](#) on Cyprus and invited everybody to attend the meeting.

318. Adjournment

The **Region 8 Director** entertained a motion to end the Region 8 Committee meeting. The motion was adopted.

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