

Getting Closer to Industry

- Joint conferences, technical talks by Professionals and partnering in community projects; is what has worked in the past.
- Changes - More involvement by Region 8 or HQ leadership in trying to assist Section partner with Industry (lends more credibility)
- Success - About to sign an MOU with the Communications Authority of Kenya on partnership. Also proposal on partnership with Powergen (a renewable power company) and the SEATTLE SIGHT Group, awaiting approval of funding.
- Plans - we are in talks with the major national institutions to come up with workable MOUs of how we can partner to make IEEE relevant to professionals and involvement in joint conferences and talks. In addition to this to provide value to student members establish mentorship and/or internship schemes with companies.

Students and Young Professionals

- Joint conferences, technical talks by Professionals and partnering in community projects; is what has worked in the past.
- Changes - Widen the scope of participation to include students and YPs outside Nairobi. More participation in global events.
- Success - Student Branch members participated in the Student Paper Competition for the first time. Student Branch together with YP participated in the IEEEExtreme 9.0 competition for the first time.
- Plans - Regional membership drives to be undertaken to have student and YP branches outside the capital Nairobi to get more involved in IEEE activities. In addition to this to provide value to student members establish mentorship and/or internship schemes with companies (a few are on board and talks with more ongoing).

Section Vitality

- Joint conferences, technical talks by Professionals and partnering in community projects; is what has worked in the past.
- Changes - More involvement by the Section in Educational, Industrial and Community based partnerships, Support from the Region and HQ would be appreciated.
- Success - Entrepreneurship and Business Workshop held. MOUs with Industry being worked on.
- Plans - from last years AGM members agreed to form regional teams to promote wider participation of all members. This is in progress.
- Show relevance of IEEE membership by more involvement of members in Educational, Industrial and Community Based projects.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Initiatives
Setting up and actualizing technical and standing committees for the year 2016.
- Achievements
 - Student Branch members took part in the Student Paper Competition for the first time.
 - Student Branch together with YP participated in the IEEEExtreme 9.0 competition for the first time.
 - Entrepreneurship and Business Workshop was held for members and brought about various established professionals to inspire the members.
- Recommendations
The Region 8 to publish calendar of regional activities specific to the Sections/Affinity Groups to enable Sections plan and prepare easily around them