

2016 – A New National Society Approach

As IEEE prepares for the future, we are looking ahead at changes we must make to better serve our members – in aiding their Personal and Professional Growth – increasing their vitality – and improving their outlook to the future.

One member improvement challenge given the Global Strategy Ad Hoc Committee early in 2015 was to analyze both the National Society Agreements (NSAs) and the Sister Society Agreements (SSAs), and recommend any changes which would improve their efficiency and effectiveness.

After thorough study by the Region 8, 9, and 10 Directors, Director-Elects, selected Section Chairs, and Ad Hoc participants a change was recommended to the NSA process – but no SSA changes were defined at this time.

The change recommended for the NSA process is that the Section – NS team must also submit a Supplement to the signed NSA document providing the plan for three cooperative activities scheduled to take place during the first year of the NSA three year time period.

This new process was approved by the IEEE Board of Directors at their November, 2015, meeting, and is effective immediately

It will be required that during this first year of operation of the NSA, similar cooperative activities will be planned for the second year – and likewise similar activities will be planned and carried on for the third year.

NSAs submitted without the cooperative activity Supplement will not be activated.

All new NSAs will be required to have the cooperative activity Supplement.

Existing NSAs will be allowed to continue to run their agreed upon and defined three year period. At the time for re-signing of the NSA, the activity Supplement described above will be required to be submitted to allow the re-signing to be completed.

The new NSA wording and template can be found at "Attachment A"

The Supplement #1 template Is shown at "Attachment B"

Sample projects for use in filling Supplement #1 outlines are provided in "Attachment B – 2"

A listing of possible ideas for cooperative activities between the IEEE and National Society are provided in "Attachment B-3"

All Section Chairs implementing a New NSA, or renewing an existing NSA, are urged to read and understand all of the information identified on the WEB site www.ieee.org/nsa - Then select "Establishing a National Society Agreement (NSA)"

Value to IEEE Members - -

The true goal of National Society Agreements (NSAs) is to establish a foundation to enable the local IEEE Operating Units – the IEEE Section, and the Society Chapters – to work cooperatively with the country NSs to generate activities to enhance the growth of a country's Engineers and Scientists - in all IEEE related fields of interest.

The activities generated by this cooperation are designed to assist in the development and elevation of personal and technical skills, public image, professional growth, and networking of the members of IEEE, the members of the NS, and the members of the technical community of the country

Value to IEEE and to the National Society - -

The National Societies of most countries where IEEE is involved normally have many more members from the disciplines

supported by IEEE, than do the local IEEE Sections. Therefore, we should recognize – and act on the fact - that IEEE Section would have a greater exposure, if we worked more closely with the NS.

One of the very positive aspects of developing this cooperation is that it elevates both the Public, and Technical Community image - and appreciation - of both organizations (NS and IEEE) through increased publicity, improved public image, as well as increasing interest of the public in Engineering and Computing fields. In some cases, it can also lead to stimulating additional volunteer members and resources in both organizations.