

Secretary

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Goals

The job of the IEEE Region 8 Secretary Team is to support the committee and the Region 8 OpCom to accomplish its mission for the members of IEEE Region 8. Interactive, efficient and fun meetings are at the core of this effort, as is efficient communication and timely support regarding issues reported by members of the committee.

Status and Past Contributions

The team consists of

- Youmna El Bitar, Assistant Secretary, younna.elbitar@ieee8.org
- George Michael, Electronic Communications, xeirwn@ieee.org
- Christian M. Schmid, Secretary, c.schmid@ieee.org

Past meetings organized by the team were the

- Region 8 Committee Meeting in Monte Carlo, Monaco, March 2016
- and the Region 8 OpCom Meeting in Ayia Napa, Cyprus, July 2016.

It is a crucial success factor that the meeting agendas are aligned with the three priorities

- Getting closer to Industry,
- Students and Young Professionals,
- and Section Vitality.

All agendas and reporting structures were geared towards promoting these priorities.

A successful new initiative implemented by the R8 Secretary team are the interactive formats (e.g., Saturday afternoon) at the Region 8 Committee meetings. They aim at bridging the gap between section operation and operation on a regional level through providing a fun and productive format for interaction. The interactive formats received very positive feedback from both Region 8 Sub-Committee members as well as Section representatives.

Outlook

The secretary team will work on

- helping to organize the upcoming Region 8 meeting at the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017,
- and on creating more smooth coordination between the sub-committees and the vice chairs.

Points of Concern

- With over 210 guests the meeting in Monte Carlo was one of the biggest so far. This size and the many requests from both IEEE Region 8 guests and guests from outside Region 8 (MGA, IEEE staff, ...) created a huge workload for the team.