

Director-Elect

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Role of Region 8 Director-Elect

- 1) The Director-Elect is responsible of Region 8 (R8) Strategic Planning and Region 8 Vitality.
 - The Director-Elect chairs the R8 Strategic Planning Sub Committee (SPSC). The SPSC report details its Goals, Status, Outlook and Points of Concern.
 - In order to ensure the Region and Sections vitality, the Director-Elect is helped by the Sections Vitality Coordinator (SVC). The SVC report details its Goals, Status, Outlook and Points of Concern.
- 2) The Director-Elect participates in IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Board (MGAB) meetings and Board of Directors (BoD) meetings, during the February, June, and November IEEE Meeting Series.
- 3) The Director-Elect represents R8 in meetings at the request of R8 Director or as needed. The following report refers to these last two roles of the Director-Elect.

Goals

To participate in MGAB and BoD meetings in preparation for the incoming role as Director, networking with all MGAB and BoD members. To represent R8 in meetings of different types in order to support, encourage and serve members.

Status

During year 2017 I was voting member of MGAB as Technical Activities Board (TAB) representative, which helped me to better learn at the MGAB level and better interact with MGAB members. I was also Chair of one of the MGA Committees, namely the MGA Awards and Recognitions Committee (ARC), and as such, member of other MGA Committees and Boards, namely, the MGA Member Engagement and Life Cycle Committee, the Awards Board and the Awards Board Policy and Portfolio Review Committee. By being member of these committees I have acquired an MGAB and IEEE broader view and I have contributed to bring R8 points of view, experience and achievements into the discussion. In 2018 I will continue to serve as member of MGA ARC, as past chair. With respect to the BoD, besides the learning experience of participating in the February, June and November meetings, during 2017 I have been the chair of one of the committees that reports to BOD, namely, the IEEE Ethics and Member Conduct Committee (EMCC), as well as member of the BoD Ad Hoc Committee on IEEE Ethics Programs. In 2018 I will continue as Chair of the EMCC. For 2018 I am also member of another committee which reports to the BoD, namely the European Public Policy Committee.

I represented R8 in Middle East Student and Young Professionals (MESYP) Congress 2017, in Tunis, Tunisia, in IEEE Panel of Conference Organizers (POCO) 2017, in Sydney, Australia, in AFRICON 2017, Cape Town, South Africa, and also in other trips that I undertook for technical reasons to Cape Town, South Africa, Gaborone, Botswana, and Nairobi, Kenya. These last trips have been possible because of my involvement with several TAB Technical Societies.

Outlook

During year 2018 the activities of the Director-Elect will continue in a similar way, with the scope of improving the interactions with MGAB and BoD, and acquiring a better understanding of R8 needs to better serve its members during the next two years, 2019 and 2020, when I will become R8 Director.

Points of Concern

Being the second largest region in terms of members, the first in extension and diversity, and the region where many of IEEE technical activities take place, R8 needs to have a main role in shaping the future of IEEE.