

History Activities Coordinator

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Goals

No change: recognition of historical technology achievements and inventions by History Milestone proposals, encouraging retention of Section and Chapter historical records in accessible form, and lectures and meetings about Technology History are all encouraged

Status

Some Sections are successfully getting History Milestone approvals and some have good records of their Section and Chapter history, but MANY could do much more. An important project is HISTELCON 2019 to be in Glasgow, September 2019.

Outlook

Attempts for persuade Sections to prepare Milestone proposals and ensure availability of their IEEE records will continue

Points of Concern

Some Sections need to increase their efforts and should perhaps appoint a Section Historian' to oversee and enhance the situation. GDPR is making it more difficult to access people and information, and there is a risk that personal data (e.g. lists of past Section Officers, etc.) may be erased because of GDPR.

Other Issues to report

In most Sections which show an interest in history topics. this is linked to activities of life-members Encouraging Life Member Affinity Groups and retired members to become involved is therefore seen as a productive aim. HISTELCON 2019 planning is underway, but much needs to be done and the most urgent is appointment of a suitable Technical Programme Chair.