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V/C Technical Activities

Goals

- 1) Revitalise the Chapter Coordination sub-committee
- 2) Expand Action for Industry programs and align them with the IEEE Industry Engagement Committee
- 3) Achieve a healthy conferences outlook, explore new flagship conferences and industry focused events
- 4) Improve educational activities programs with specific emphasis on University and Continuing Education
- 5) Coordinate the potential merger of Educational Activities and Professional Activities
- 6) Expand our standards-related offerings
- 7) Engage with Africa Council to expand TA activities in Africa
- 8) Increase TA activities focused on Students and Young Professionals
- 9) Increase coordination between sub-committees

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- I had an initial meeting with the SC Chairs to discuss 2019 TA strategy, focus, budget and goals. The SC Chairs meetings will be held quarterly to increase collaboration, identify SC challenges and receive an update on SC goals and KPIs;
- The TA Section of the Region 8 website has been refreshed and all the SCs have updated their sections and included relevant information to keep the content current;
- Motion for the EA and PA merger will be presented in the R8 Meeting in Malta;
- Society Presidents and Divison Directors originally from Region 8 have been invited to be coordinating committee members of the Chapter Coordination SC.

Outlook

- Continued oversight of SC work with regular meetings to understand progress against established KPIs and challenges;
- Increased collaboration with Sections and Global Committees to make the work of our committees more effective;
- Increased collaboration with the Societies to help the revitalization of Chapter Coordination;
- Expansion of Standards activities to include structured programs;
- Focus on Industry-focused programs and initiatives across all SCs,

Points of Concern

- Revitalization of the Chapter Coordination committee is a major task and will require active contribution from SC members and Societies. The success of this exercise depends on the response from Societies and Chapters;
- Initiating industry activities across majority of the SCs will require detailed planning and collaboration.

Other Issues to report