
Strategic Planning Subcommittee**Antonio Luque****Goals**

The Strategic Planning Subcommittee is responsible for developing R8 strategic and long-range plan, with goals and objectives.

The Subcommittee shall assist the Region 8 Committee to develop in an appropriate manner to meet all the IEEE-related needs of the Region and to continue to adhere to the R8 Committee Vision and Mission and to advise on amendments to this Vision and Mission and to monitor compliance with the IEEE Strategic Plan.

Much of the effort has been put in assisting the Director in the realignment process for Regions. At the MGA level it has been discussed and decided that the only way to proceed is to split Regions 8 and 10 into two new regions each. A plan is supposed to be presented during the November IEEE meeting series.

Progress against goals since the last report

During the last months, the main effort of the SPSC has been to provide viewpoints and suggestions to the Region Realignment taskforce set up by MGA at the beginning of the year. For that purpose, several calls were arranged by the committee, in order to discuss possible alternatives.

Possible ways of splitting the Region into two new Regions were analyzed, taking into account the membership numbers, population, cultural differences, finances, and IEEE penetration in the different countries that are currently included in Region 8.

During these calls, up to 8 different proposals were discussed, and the members of the SPSC voted on them, obtaining a ranked list. This list was presented to the MGA AdHoc on Region realignment, which provided further comments on them. The AdHoc team is expected to present a proposal during the November meeting series in Boston.

Events participation since the last report**Proposals for improvements**

So far, there has been little involvement of the membership in the realignment process. During the Fall R8 meeting, it will be necessary to socialize the provisional proposals and hear about pros and cons of each one. It would be good to start thinking about the transition process.

Points of Concern

The splitting plan needs to be carefully developed in order to ensure a smooth and easy transition. Even though it is not strictly required, it would be convenient to listen to Sections and other OUs before approving any proposal.

Other Issues to report