

Region Vitality

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Goals

1. The goal of SVD SC is to have vital Sections and Sub-Sections serving their members. That means successful unit operation, timely reporting (officers, meetings, financials) to receive their rebates, retaining and recruiting members, training new volunteers and holding elections on time by taking care about the period of service following the rules in the MGA Operations Manual.

Activities:

- Contacting all Sections that need to have election for the term 2021-2022. SVD provided relevant information to help Sections organize and conduct timely online elections, following MGA and Region 8 operations manuals.
- Contacting all Sub-Sections that need to have election for the term 2021-2022. SVD provided relevant information to help Sub-Sections organize and conduct timely online elections, following MGA and Region 8 operations manuals.

Status: The activity of contacting Sections and Sub-Sections has been completed. Monitor the election process and provide information and help.

2. Regarding financial reporting, the goal is to maintain 100% submission rate before the reporting deadline and to encourage GEO units to qualify for the 10% rebate bonus by early reporting (third Friday in February).

Activities: This activity was completed in Spring and reported in the previous report. Currently we focus on financials of sub-sections (that have contacted us for help). Status: This activity will be active again at the beginning of January 2021.

3. Sub-Sections having Region 8 as their parent are an important goal of SVD with a focus to help them increase membership, run activities and perform reporting to receive the rebate and after years of successful operation to become Sections.

Activities:

- Completed Guideline for the formation of a Subsection/Section in Region 8 available [here](#)
- Review of submitted requests for petition (elevation to section and sub-section formation)
- In contacts with sub-sections to elevate to section: Botswana, Palestine, Sudan.
- In contacts with countries to form a sub-section: Ethiopia, Libya, Rwanda.

Status: In contacts with Sub-Sections providing needed information and help them organize activities that could result in successful petition for elevation to section. In contacts with volunteers in countries without a Sub-Section providing needed information and help them organize activities that could result in successful petition for Sub-Section formation.

Future: Provide support and continue with activities to share information, increase collaboration and exchange best practices.

4. Continue activities in relation to completion of legal status of the remaining sections in Region 8. Activity: The four countries that are in the process of competition of legal status were contacted and asked to report on the process. Status: SVD-SC will provide help to Sections that are still in the process of competition of their legal status with MGA.

Progress against goals since the last report

See above.

Points of Concern

As this year we are limited with face to face meetings it is crucial that SVD is informed with situation in Sections and Sub-Sections. We kindly ask Chairs to contact SVD with all relevant information and reports about their Sections and Sub-Sections.

Latest Region Vitality figures

Current Region Summary is:

- 64.804 IEEE Member,
- 39.561 Society Members,
- 59 Sections,
- 10 Subsections,
- 615 Chapters,
- 106 Affinity Groups,
- 669 Student Branches,
- 146 Student Affinity Groups,
- 425 Student Branch chapters.

Related to Section and Sub-section elections:

- 26 Section will organize elections for term 2021-2022
- 5 Sub-Section will organize elections for term 2021-2022

Trends

SVD-SC monitors 59 Sections, 8 Sub-Sections and all countries without IEEE OU within large and diverse Region 8. We follow the above 4 goals set at the beginning of the year. Based on lessons learned we plan to provide guidelines and Q&A on our web site.

Proposals for improvements

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Other Issues to report