

# **Electronic Communications**

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## Goals

The Region 8 Electronic Communication Coordinator's job is to facilitate communication, both between members of the Region 8 Committee and between this committee and present or future IEEE members.

What is involved:

- 1. Supporting technically and administratively the committee meetings.
- 2. Performing content updates to our web server.
- 3. Managing access rights to the various systems we administrate.
- 4. Performing security and other feature updates to our web server.
- 5. Maintaining and updating our mailing distribution lists.
- 6. Creating new OU's websites at our web server and supporting their initial steps.
- 7. Supporting the chairs and appointed members during online meetings.
- 8. Creating custom pages at our website to perform custom functionalities.
- 9. Performing bug fixes caused by updates to our web server.
- 10. Investigating new technologies.
- 11. Developing tools as needed (e.g., the on-screen timer adopted by IEEE and is used at the board of directors it was developed by us by our own initiative).
- 12. Investigate Cybersecurity issues, as we are getting targeted more each day.

## Progress against goals since the last report

#### Important changes to our webserver

We are moving out several sub-sites from our main server to a secondary server. This change will allow us to better secure our main server as we will be able to reduce the number of installed plugins and significantly the number of users with edit rights.



#### Statistics from Jetpack.com



Hybrid http://november-2021.ieeer8.org/ Frankfurt, Germany, 6–7 November 2021



#### Statistics from Google Analytics



The difference between the two statistic sources is expected due to the methods that both pages collect data.

### Statistics from WordFence

Firewall Summary: Attacks Blocked for ieeer8.org/

Block Type	Complex	Brute Force	Blocklist	Total
Today	3	0	109	112
Week	36	8	695	739
Month	85	314	7,618	8,017

A complex attack is when a visitor makes a request to the site that is specifically crafted to exploit the site or find a vulnerability they can later exploit.

Brute force attacks are username/password-guessing attempts.

The blocklist is the number of times an IP has been preemptively blocked from accessing the site altogether.

### Hybrid Meetings

We are currently investigating cheap and robust methods to implement hybrid meetings and accommodate all committee