

## Awards & Recognitions Committee

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### Goals

To promote, recognize and reward excellence in the operations of Region 8 and its organizational units: Sections, Subsections, Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches and Student Branch Chapters.

### Progress against goals since the last report

The Committee and the judging teams have worked hard to meet deadlines for Awards, which are more constraining this year given that the second R8 Committee will happen in August instead of October.

Thanks to the hard work of all judging teams all evaluations were completed in time and winners were selected. The plan is to conduct an awards ceremony as part of the 121<sup>st</sup> R8 Committee meeting in Ottawa.

The following table shows the number of submissions received for each award.

Program	Nominations received
Clementina Saduwa Award	6
Region 8 Chapter of the Year Award	14
Region 8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award	25
Region 8 Outstanding Section Award	3
Region 8 Outstanding Section SIGHT Group of the Year Award	2
Region 8 Outstanding Student Branch SIGHT Group of the Year Award	4
Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Section Volunteer Award / Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Student Volunteer Award	19
Region 8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group Award	7
Region 8 Student Branch Website Award	34
Region 8 Volunteer Award	6
Region 8 Women in Engineering Section Affinity Group of the Year Award	5
Region 8 Women in Engineering Student Branch Affinity Group of the Year Award	19
Region 8 Young Professionals Exceptional Volunteer Award	7

Total number of submissions was 151, compared to 71 received in 2022.

During 2024 the Committee will issue calls for nominations for R8 2025-2026 Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chairs, and for R8 2025-2026 Zone Representative (pending final approval of R8 Bylaws modifications).

### Points of Concern

In many awards not enough quality nominations were received. This is a long standing issue that is repeated year over year.

### Proposals for improvements

The Committee will undertake a deep revision of the R8 portfolio of Awards with the goal of improving consistency and establishing a clear hierarchy, also associated with the prize amounts. The A&R Committee will reconsider the overall structure, trying to eliminate duplicities and to cover gaps, in order to make the portfolio more reflecting of the overall volunteer activity in the Region. The goal is to submit recommendations to OpCom before the end of the year.