Awards & Recognitions Committee   Antonio Luque

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, and all submissions were judged in time, thanks to the hard work of all judging teams. The plan is to conduct an awards ceremony as part of the 123rd^{t} R8 Committee meeting in Bordeaux.

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

Program	Nominations received
Clementina Saduwa Award	5
Region 8 Chapter of the Year Award / Region 8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award	37
Region 8 Outstanding Section Award	6
Region 8 Outstanding Section SIGHT Group of the Year Award / Region 8 Outstanding Student Branch SIGHT Group of the Year Award	9
Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Section Volunteer Award / Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Student Volunteer Award	13
Region 8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group Award	6
Region 8 Student Branch Website Award	22
Region 8 Volunteer Award	12
Region 8 Women in Engineering Section Affinity Group of the Year Award / Region 8 Women in Engineering Student Branch Affinity Group of the Year Award	30
Region 8 Young Professionals Exceptional Volunteer Award	4

Total number of submissions was 144, compared to 151 received in 2023 and 71 received in 2022.

The Awards portfolio has been reviewed and monetary prized of many awards have been changed, in order to better align with the perceived hierarchy. These changes will be applicable starting with the 2025 cycle of awards.

Points of Concern

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

The platform used to receive and judge the applications, OpenWater is often cumbersome to administer and maintain. Help of additional volunteers would be welcome.

Proposals for improvements

Further review of the awards portfolio is needed.