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Mission

The mission of the Region 8 Sections Vitality and Development Committee is to support and help develop strong and vital IEEE Sections and Subsections that serve their members in our Region. This is done by assisting with: conducting OU elections according to the MGA Operations Manual guidelines; formation of Organizational Units in Region8; timely reporting of officers, meetings, and financials; and providing information and training to new OU volunteers.

The SVD should:

- Monitor and support the vitality of Sections and Subsections (including elections and annual reporting).
- Oversee and assist in the formation of Subsections/Sections within Region 8.
- Support Local groups formation as a potentiator for OUs creation.
- Represent the needs of OUs and members by providing feedback to the Region ExCom (through the Director-Elect) and the MGA GUOS (through the R8 Vitality Coordinator).
- Organize the R8 Best Section Awards, in collaboration with the R8 Awards Committee.

Current status

Sections:	59
Subsections:	13
Councils:	1 (Africa Council)
Chapters:	674
Affinity Groups:	112
Student Branches:	812
Student Affinity Groups:	220
Student Branch Chapters:	777

(April 2025)

Elections reported and validated: 46, i.e. 78% (21 Feb 2025)

Financial reports submitted and validated: 32, i.e. 54% (21 Feb 2025)

Financial reports postponed: 10, i.e. 17% (21 Feb 2025)

Financial reports pending: 22, i.e. 44% (21 Feb 2025)

Financial reports (N/A, dormant): 4, i.e. 7% (21 Feb 2025)



Election procedure effective for 2025

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Key changes:

Required use of electronic voting via vTools voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes voting from being held in-person or via mail ballots Process exception for locations that cannot vote electronically
Combine Nominations and Tellers Committee to create one Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Election Committee Allow no more than 1 member being a current officer One member shall be appointed as Chair The committee shall also include a member to serve as “Teller” to manage the vTools ballot
Minimum timeline requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for nominations run for a minimum of 30 days Petitions and endorsements run for a recommended minimum of 30 days Voting to remain open a minimum of 2 weeks
Candidate and voter eligibility date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Example; eligibility date = 30 June
Election start and stop date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Example; 1 August Begin/1 December Complete
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently throughout Section 9: 9.0, 9.4, 9.5, 9.7, 9.10 Proposed to add a new Section within 9 that includes all election processes in one cohesive Section

Proposed/sample timeline:

Task:	Sample Date:	Duration:
<u>Appoint Elections Committee</u>	<u>1 August</u>	<u>Start no later than 1 August</u>
<u>Call for Nominations Issued</u>	<u>5 August</u>	<u>Open 30 days minimum - required</u>
<u>Call for Nominations Closed</u>	<u>5 September</u>	
<u>Candidates Reviewed</u>	<u>6-12 September</u>	<u>On average 7 days</u>
<u>Slate Approved by ExCom</u>	<u>13-19 September</u>	<u>On average 7 days</u>
<u>Region Director Approval</u> <i>(if necessary for single candidate slate)</i>	<u>20-26 September</u>	<u>On average 7 days</u>
<u>Slate Announced and Petition Opens</u>	<u>27 September</u>	<u>Open 30 days minimum - recommended</u>
<u>Petition Closed</u>	<u>27 October</u>	
<u>Petition Candidates Reviewed</u>	<u>28 October-3 November</u>	<u>On average 7 days</u>
<u>Final Slate Approved by ExCom</u>	<u>4-10 November</u>	<u>On average 7 days</u>
<u>Final Slate Announced</u>	<u>11 November</u>	
<u>Voting Opens</u>	<u>11 November</u>	
<u>Voting Closes</u>	<u>25 November</u>	<u>Open a minimum of 2 weeks - required</u>
<u>Final Results Announced and Officers Recorded</u>	<u>15 December</u>	<u>Announce results no later than 15 December</u>