

Sections Vitality and Development Committee

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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.



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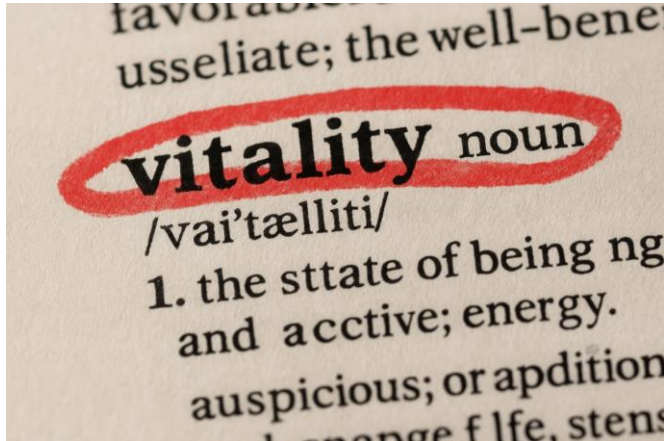
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IEEE Region 8 Vitality



1. the state of being strong and active
2. the power giving continuance of life
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For us vitality means performing the duties with initiative, energy and enthusiasm. Vital IEEE organizational units (Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups and Student Branches) better serve their members. To achieve this, we need many enthusiastic volunteers on all levels and especially on the Section level.

IEEE Region 8 Vitality

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

(as of April 2025)



- Elections reported and validated: 46, i.e. **78%**
- Financial reports submitted and validated: 32, i.e. 54%
- Financial reports partial: 10, i.e. 17%
- Financial reports pending: 13, i.e. **22%**
- Financial reports (N/A, dormant): 4, i.e. **7%**

(as of February 21st, 2025)

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The **goal** of the Section Vitality and Development Committee is to support vital IEEE Organizational Units serving their members:

- ✓ Assist elections in Organizational Units
- ✓ Monitor the vitality of Sections and Subsections through reporting:
 - ☐ officers
 - ☐ meetings
 - ☐ financials
- ✓ Oversee and assist 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

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Please contact Section Vitality and Development Committee if you have any questions or need any assistance with:

- ✓ reporting of officers, meetings, financials organization of elections in your organizational unit
- ✓ formation of Subsections/Sections
- ✓ formation of Local groups

You will have us with direct email and virtual meeting support, finding right person/way to execute the process, organized training sessions, etc:



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Required use of electronic voting via vTools voting

- 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

- One Election Committee
- 1 member can be a current officer, however they cannot be in the Election Committee Chair position

Minimum timeline requirements

- 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

- Eligibility date = active as of 30 June

Election start and stop date

- 1 August Begin
- 15 December Complete

N.B.! Applying for approval of one candidate slate, Units must explain the situation in written form.

IEEE MGA GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

ELECTIONS

N.B.! If not following the MGA recommendations (use electronic voting), Units must prove the fact of elections.

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>	<u>20-26 September</u>	<u>On average 7 days</u>
<u>(if necessary for single candidate slate)</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>

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Expect soon:

- required to **conduct elections** in compliance with the MGA Operations Manual; annual rebates will be withheld for any Units that does not hold elections
- required to submit their annual **financial** reports, and annual **officer, meeting** and **elections** reports **by the deadlines**
- Region Director will have **more power** in supporting of Units elections

Petition

Rwanda Subsection Formation





Courtesy of DOE/NREL, Credit: Warren Gretz

