



Inter-relationship between Regions, Councils, Sections and Chapters

Regions - A Region is a geographic unit consisting of a part of one, or of one or more countries, established by RAB as a basic operating organizational unit of IEEE for management and administrative purposes to represent and fulfill the needs of the members and the missions of the IEEE within the territory prescribed.

Councils - A Council may be formed by agreement of a group of contiguous Sections and it exists at their pleasure. It is intended to act as a subordinate committee of the Sections and they have the right to direct its operation. It is formed by the Sections to do only those delegated tasks that can be best done together by the Sections rather than singly by each Section. The Sections retain their recognition as the basic operating, executive and administrative unit of the IEEE. The Regional Director and the Regional Activities Board must approve the formation of a Council.

Section - A Section is the basic operating organizational unit of IEEE constituted by a minimum of fifty (50) members other than Student and established with the approval of RAB by petition of those who live/work in relatively close proximity to be served by activities that meet their needs and further the missions of IEEE.

Subsections - A Subsection is a part of a Section, constituted by a minimum of twenty (20) members, and established by petition to the Section ExCom, with the approval of RAB, who live/work in relatively close proximity to be served by the activities that meet their needs and further the missions of IEEE.

Chapters - A Chapter is a technical subunit of one or more Sections, or a Council, constituted by a minimum of twelve (12) members of a Society and established by petition to the parent unit(s) and Societies concerned to represent and fulfill the technical needs of the members and the missions of IEEE.

Student Branches - A Student Branch is a basic operating organizational unit of IEEE constituted by a minimum of twenty (20) IEEE Student members at a particular college, university or technical institute and established with approval of RAB by petition to the Region concerned to represent and fulfill the needs of the members and the missions of IEEE.

Student Branch Chapters - A Student Branch Chapter is a technical sub-unit of a Student Branch constituted by a minimum of twelve (12) Student members of a Society and established by petition to the parent Student Branch and Society concerned to represent and fulfill the needs of the members and the missions of IEEE.

Affinity Groups - Affinity Group is defined in RAB Bylaw R-909; an Affinity Group shall be a local unit of an IEEE organizational unit or standing committee established by petition to the parent organizational unit to fulfill the purposes of the IEEE. "Parent organizational unit" as used in this manual refers to an organizational unit or standing committee. The following groups have been acknowledged by RAB as parent organizational units as defined above and described in their charters: Graduates of the Last Decade, Women in Engineering and Consultants Network. No parent organizational unit shall be formed when the topic matter is within the domain of a technical group, as determined by the Societies' field of interest.