

Building Section/Chapter/Society and “Parent” Relationships



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**The Chapter/Affinity Group is the most intimate unit in IEEE.
It is the focus of local activities.**



Region 8 model for Chapters

- Region 8 has an appointed Chapters coordinator as member of the Regional Committee
- The Chapters Committee includes representatives of each of the IEEE Divisions and of areas in R8.
- R8 Chapters Committee meets once a year.
- R8 organizes Regional Chapter Chairs meetings of major Societies' Chapters.
- Two awards to small & large “Chapter of the year”

Model of ComSoc Chapter activities

- Communications Society provides four Regional Directors for direct support to Chapters: Asia/Pacific; EAME; Latin America; North America
- Each Director appoints a Regional Board to promote Chapter activities and stimulate participation in Technical committees, meetings and Conferences.
- ComSoc provides Distinguished Lecturers
- ComSoc organizes Regional Chapter Chairs meetings and Global Chapter Chairs Congresses
- Global Communications Newsletter in Magazine presents Chapters activities

Affinity Groups

- IEEE Affinity Groups are non-technical subunits of one or more Sections or a Council.
- The Affinity Group parent entities are
 - Consultants' Network,
 - Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD),
 - Women in Engineering (WIE) and
 - Life Members (LM).
- Affinity Groups receive a rebate like Chapters if they hold at least two meetings per year

Model of activity of Life Members

- LM Committee Chair appoints an activities coordinator and Regional coordinators.
- Regional coordinators promote LM groups.
- Each group has a budget of \$500 and the Reg. coordinator has a budget of \$750 (on receipts)
- Regional coordinators meet once a year at Life Members Committee meeting.
- LM pay low Conf. fees to encourage participation

Case Study

Reception and Lecture by Prof. Lempel on Lempel-Ziv algorithm

Organized by Israel Life Members Group



History as Region/Section activity

- The mission of the IEEE History Committee is to further the preservation, research, and dissemination of information about the history of electrical science and technology, in order to increase awareness and understanding of the role of engineering and technology in the improvement of the quality of life for people throughout the world.
- IEEE Regions and Section can join this activity by initiating Milestones, Conference-sessions and meetings (especially of Life Members).

Model of History activities in Region 8

- R8 has set up a Regional Advisory Council (HAC)
- R8 Director appointed a History activities coordinator as Regional Committee member.
- A “listserv” of a History network has been setup
- A History Session has been held at EUROCON 07 and another one will be held at EUROCON 09
- HISTELCON 08 – a Conference on History of Electrotechnology has been held in Paris

Case Study

Region HAC organized IEEE HISTELCON
HISTory of TELEcommunication CONference
11-12 September 2008

Cercle National des Armées, Paris 8ème



Global History Network (GHN)

The IEEE History Committee is launching a History Network at Section Congress 08 in order to:

- * Provide the premier global network of the history of electrotechnology
- ▣ Record how the IEEE achieves its core purposes to foster technological innovation and excellence to the benefit of humanity
- ▣ Integrate existing IEEE history resources with the capabilities of the web for global collaboration



Conclusions

- Chapters and Affinity Groups are focal points of activity in IEEE Sections
- IEEE Regional Committees provide support for Chapter activities – Lecturers and funding
- Societies provide support and hold meetings
- Parent OUs support Affinity Group activities

**CHAPTER/AFFINITY GROUP OFFICERS
SHOULD INITIATE ACTIVITIES**