What is Engagement? Communications with & among Your Members

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### In 2008, change...

#### And a New "Vocabulary" of IEEE

#### RAB

- Membership
- Serve
- Activities
- Benefit Awareness
- MembershipGrades

#### MGA

- Member
- Partner
- Engagement
- Collaboration
- Lifecycle



### **MGA Mission & Vision**

**Vision:** Ensure Quality Member Opportunities Through Continuous Engagement

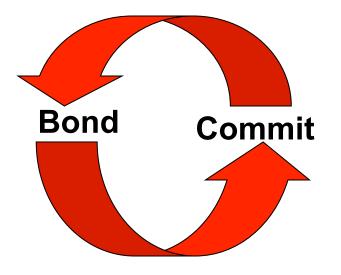
**Mission**: Inspire, Enable, Empower and Engage Members of IEEE For the purpose of...

- Fulfilling the mission of IEEE
- Enhancing the member's growth and development through their life cycle
- Providing a professional home



#### Engagement

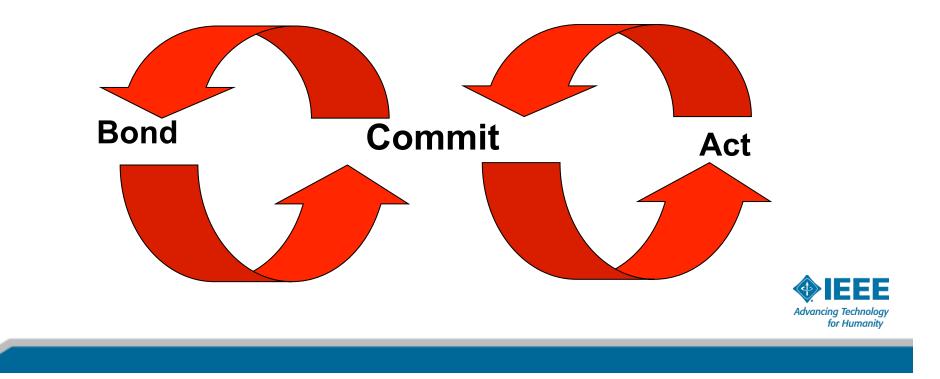
- Pledge; Obligation; Agreement
- Initial Bond
  - Common need, interest, mission, quest
  - Requires a committed "somebody" to make the first move...We are that Somebody!





### **Commitment Leads to Action**

- Personal invitation to attend meeting (Bond)
- Accept invitation (Commit)
- Attend, participate, assess (Act)



#### Focus on the Member, the Result will be Membership Growth ...

When we focus on "Membership" the member and their needs get lost in the crowd.

If we focus on the "Member" they can become Inspired, Enabled, Empowered, and Engaged





"I feel welcome"

"My needs are met"

"I make a difference"

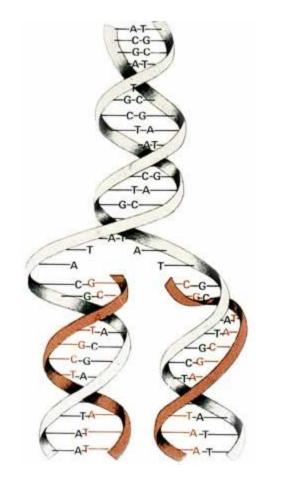
"I am the IEEE"

"I am a part of something great"

Truly satisfied members stay; truly satisfied members recruit others

#### Each Individual's Engagement is Unique (but, there are common threads) ...

- Why individuals engage IEEE ?
  - Access to technical information
  - Career development tools
  - Continuing education
  - Access to discounts
  - Venue to give back to society and the profession
  - Creation of content
  - Social networking
  - To make a difference
- Engagement requires a commitment of time
  - Time is finite
  - There is enough time to do anything ... it is a question of priority
  - There is never enough time to do everything
  - Is time is the currency of engagement?





## **Opportunities for Engaged Members**

- Pre-University education
  - TISP
  - Science fairs
  - BEST
- Pre-University activities
  - Scouting programs
  - Science clubs
- Student (Branch) involvement in Section activities
- Helping in a Section project
- Mentoring ... being mentored
- Friendships lasting a lifetime
- Life cycle from the "knack" to encore career



# Now to apply engagement to communications...

Remember it is person to person – impact is greater one to one than one to many.



#### Communications

# Asynchronous – sender and receiver separated in time



Synchronous – send and receiver both available at the same time

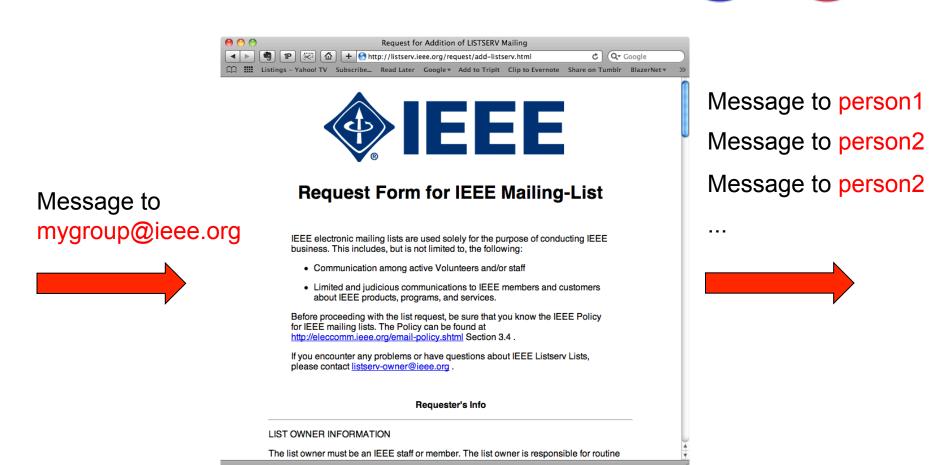
One on one communication







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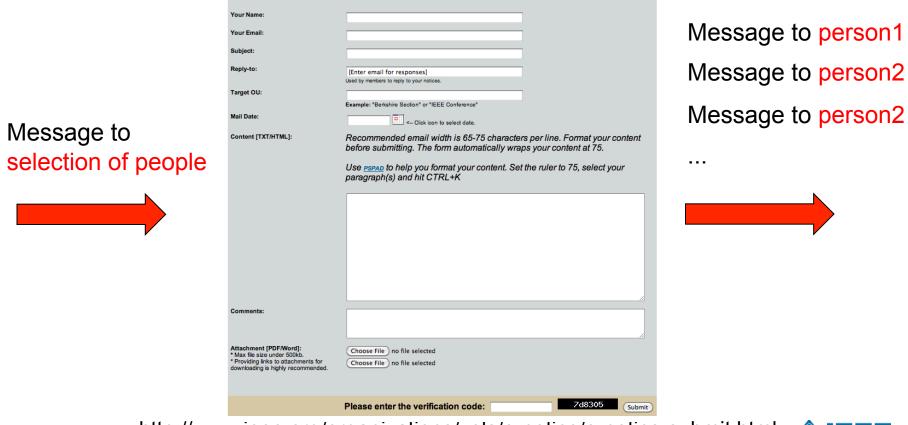
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#### **Broadcast e-mail**

#### eNotice



http://www.ieee.org/organizations/vols/e-notice/e-notice-submit.html



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#### Put the effort in the sending







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# Spend (lots of) time on the message



- Customize for the specific audience
- Provide links to the resources cited (don't ask them to find as well as read them)
- Keep message concise
- Provide layered message

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Provide feedback/participation avenues



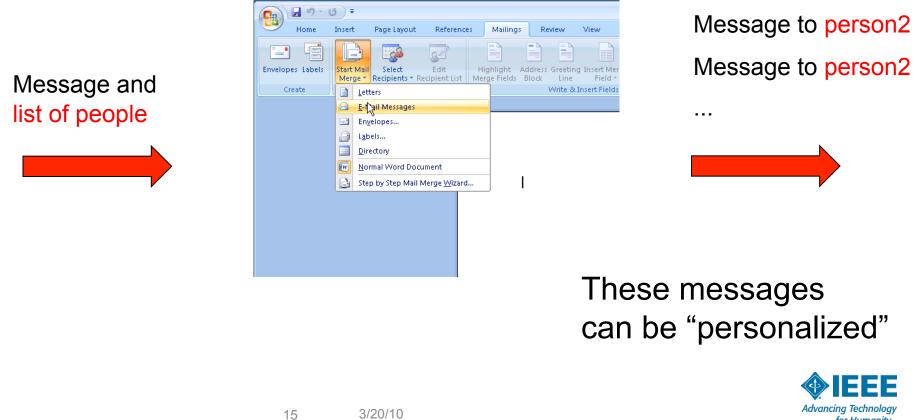
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Message to person1

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#### **Consider Mail Merge**

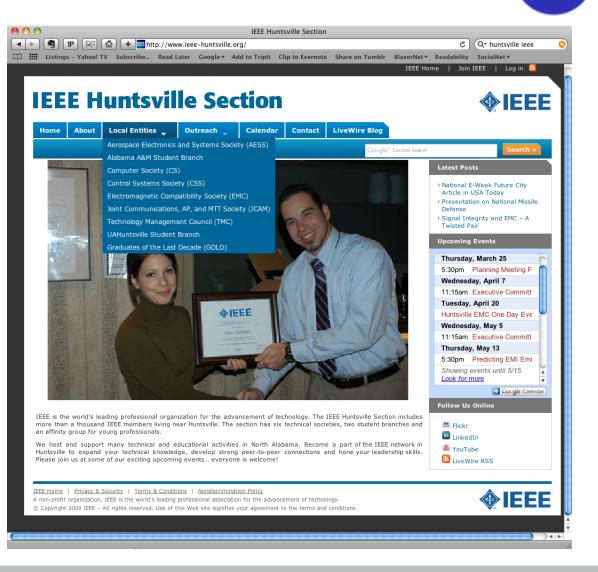


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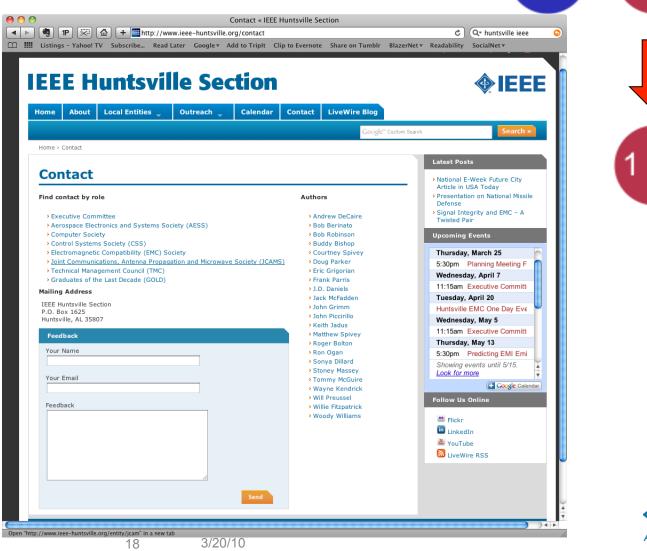


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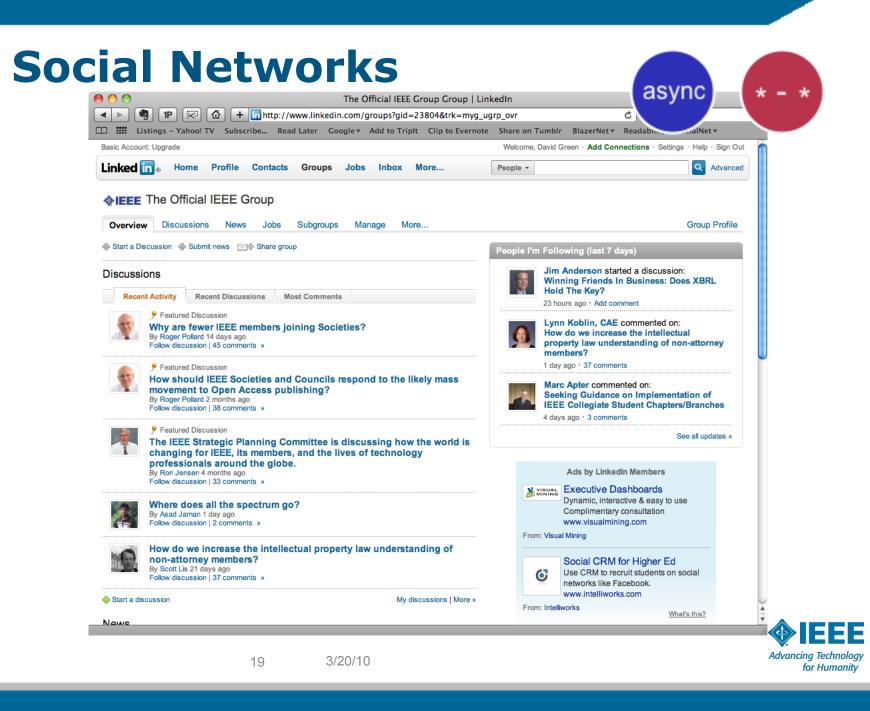


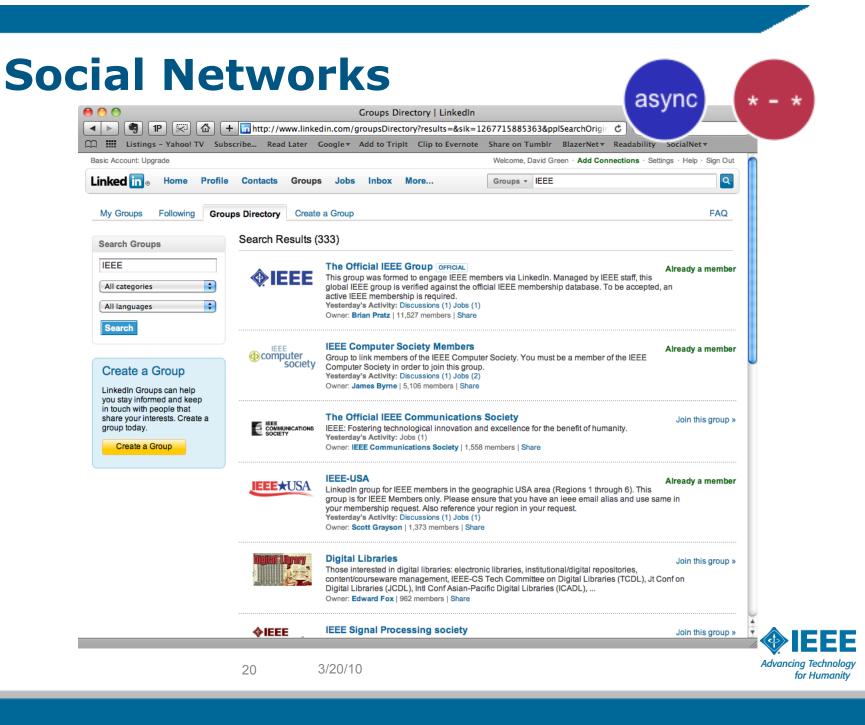
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- Provide members and volunteers a place to go to ask questions and get answers about IEEE.
- Under development.
- Kudos to Bill Marshall of Atlanta Section and Bill Clayton, R3 Communications Chair

