

Sections Congress and Awards updates

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SectionsCongress2020 Selected Recommendations.docx;

Awards

* A new R3 YP award is in the approval process with MGA.

- The new awards site is active and ready for nominations! Please direct folks to nominate deserving Region 3 candidates at: <https://ieee.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/259/home>

(I had no control over the selection of this URL. It will be linked on the R3 webpage soon for easier access.)

- Upcoming award deadlines:

* IEEE USA Awards - September 15 (<https://ieeusa.org/volunteers/awards-recognition/>)

(Note that if you started a nomination before the deadline, it is still worth finishing and submitting!)

* Select IEEE MGA Awards - October 15 (<https://mga.ieee.org/awards/mga-awards>)

* **Region 3 Awards** - December 1 (<https://ieee.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/259/home>)

Sections Congress

As noted in Jill's September 15th email:

"The Sections Congress recommendations have been selected, and are:

#4: Create a 3-5 multi-year IEEE membership fee structure with discounts

#10: Provide continuing education to provide true value added for working professionals

#8: Provide resources to Sections to serve industry professionals and engage with local industries

The attached file has a little bit of detail about each one. As I mentioned previously, our R3 recommendation on YP tiered membership is already being implemented, so it was not considered. Of our other 2 recommendations, our "Outreach for Local Industry" recommendation was incorporated into SC Recommendation #8, which was one of the selected Recommendations! This is also important because of the NIC project to create an Industry Relations Platform, being led by Region 3's Subodha Charles. Our final submission "Improve Section Operations" was incorporated into SC Recommendation #11, which was not selected. I will note, though, that MGA is constantly working to try to improve section operations. An ad hoc committee will be reviewing and developing action plans related to the selected recommendations.

Of note from the meeting -- AJ Burke was one of the first individuals to submit the "homework" related to what we did during Covid-19, and won an IEEE flag! Additionally, Tamseel Syed submitted homework about a Communications Society Chapter lecture series in the Atlanta Section, which was one of ten activities that was highlighted at the meeting. As I mentioned earlier, Nelson Lourenco and Sharlene Brown served together on a winning VoLT project (2019) which was presented by Nelson, related to Senior Member Elevation Events. I was glad to see such strong participation in the meeting from our Region (and I saw many R3 people on the attendee list)!"

