

Section Support Committee

January 26, 2025

Welcome to 2025! The Section Support Committee is planning the following to help R3 Sections:

- General Section Support
 - o Upcoming webinars include:
 - Life Member Events
 - Finances and Budgets
 - Conferences
 - Industry Relations
 - Getting YPs Engaged
 - Projects
 - Engaging with Students
 - o Upcoming event how-to guides (R3 cookbook):
 - Student branch – Section engagement events
 - Organizing a Section conference
 - STEM day
 - Improv workshop
 - Merit Badge workshop
 - Humanitarian
 - Networking event with another local non-IEEE society or organization
 - Chapters Fair
 - How It's Made Tour
 - Family Science Night
 - Senior Member Roundup at local employer
 - Projects:
 - o MGA surplus funding opportunity, proposals due February 19th, See description below
 - WIE:
 - o Region-wide WiE meeting on last Thursday of the month to provide information to members
 - o In-person meetings at locations that need WiE affinity group organization support
 - o Increasing industry engagement in WiE
 - Senior Member Elevation:
 - o David Fillion will be assisting Sections with local, in-person Senior Member Round-ups. The first Section will be the **Piedmont Section**. More details will be forthcoming from David soon!
 - o Asynchronous Region-wide Senior Member Round-ups will be coordinated by Anthony Perales. The schedule for these events is below.
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Guidelines on Requesting MGA Surplus Funding

This funding would be intended for new initiative activities (activities with a limited expected life of one to three years). Items normally carried within the budget (including items that have been

considered operational, such as, staffing, existing publications, member services, governance activities, awards, etc.) shall not be funded under this rule. In addition, any activities funded under this rule shall be completed during the current year unless provided for in the following year's approved budget."

- Projects must be completed in the current year
- **Submissions must be received no later than February 19, 2025**
- Multi-region projects are encouraged
- MGA FinCom will recommend a maximum amount of funding for all projects to the MGAB
- Compliance with the FOM rules will be reviewed by MGA FinCom
- If compliant, projects will be reviewed and ranked by MGA OpCom and recommended to the MGA Board for approval in June
- Submitting a request does not preclude the use of Region funds for projects that are outside of these guidelines
- It is encouraged that Region funds also be used to co-fund the proposed projects

Exceptions

- If a project requires software development, it will be subject to available resources
- As specified in the IEEE FOM, awards shall not be funded under this spending rule
- Projects of less than \$10,000 will not be considered

Proposal Requirements

1. Project Title
2. Project Lead Name
3. Description: Include how the requested funds would be expended, anticipated participation, and the desired outcome
4. Does the project involve more than one Region – (if yes, please name Regions)
5. How project shall address member engagement, member retention, member recruitment
6. Description of the short-term and long-term impact of the project
7. Project Budget (USD)
 1. Split % of the budget (Region/MGA)
8. Software requirements, if any
9. Estimated start/completion dates
10. Additional sections/comments

NOTE: The committee will review all proposals and provide any necessary feedback to submitters.

- Please use the Word template attached for your proposal.
- Please ensure the proposal is complete.
- Proposals should be emailed to **LaRhonda Julien at larhonda.julien@gatransmission.com**

R3 IEEE SMEC Virtual Orientation Event and Deadlines

1. March Elevations

- **R3 SMEC Virtual Orientation Date:** 23 February 2025 (Saturday) from **1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST**
 - **Reference Provider Submission Deadline:** 9 March 2025 (Sunday) by 11:59 PM EDT
 - **A&A Committee Meeting Date:** 23 March 2025 (Sunday)
 - **Final Candidate Submission Deadline:** 16 March 2025 (Sunday) by 11:59 PM EDT
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2. June Elevations

- **R3 SMEC Virtual Orientation Date:** 31 May 2025 (Saturday) from **1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EDT**
 - **Reference Provider Submission Deadline:** 14 June 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EDT
 - **A&A Committee Meeting Date:** 28 June 2025 (Saturday)
 - **Final Candidate Submission Deadline:** 21 June 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EDT
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3. August Elevations

- **R3 SMEC Virtual Orientation Date:** 5 July 2025 (Saturday) from **1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EDT**
 - **Reference Provider Submission Deadline:** 19 July 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EDT
 - **A&A Committee Meeting Date:** 2 August 2025 (Saturday)
 - **Final Candidate Submission Deadline:** 26 July 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EDT
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4. September Elevations

- **R3 SMEC Virtual Orientation Date:** 30 August 2025 (Saturday) from **1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EDT**
- **Reference Provider Submission Deadline:** 13 September 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EDT
- **A&A Committee Meeting Date:** 27 September 2025 (Saturday)

- **Final Candidate Submission Deadline:** 20 September 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EDT
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5. November Elevations

- **R3 SMEC Virtual Orientation Date:** 25 October 2025 (Saturday) from **1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST**
- **Reference Provider Submission Deadline:** 8 November 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EST
- **A&A Committee Meeting Date:** 22 November 2025 (Saturday)
- **Final Candidate Submission Deadline:** 15 November 2025 (Saturday) by 11:59 PM EST