Beyond Your Section: Get Engaged with IEEE at Various Levels

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Why Should I Become More Involved?

When the time is right...

- Expand your network, e.g., Collabratec, Conferences
- Increase your technical knowledge, e.g., IEEE Learning Network
- Make an impact
  - Get involved in Humanitarian Technologies programs
  - Influence the next generation through STEM
  - Mentor others or seek a mentor
  - Contribute to development of Standards
- Get leadership experience for your resume / performance review, e.g., Center for Leadership Excellence

Becoming involved can benefit you, your employer, and the community around you.

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What Can I Do Beyond My Section? Participation

Depends on your interests

▸ Links to Affinity groups:
  - Consultants Network

▸ Links to Other groups:
  - IEEE Technical Communities

Can't go in-person? See if remote participation is available!

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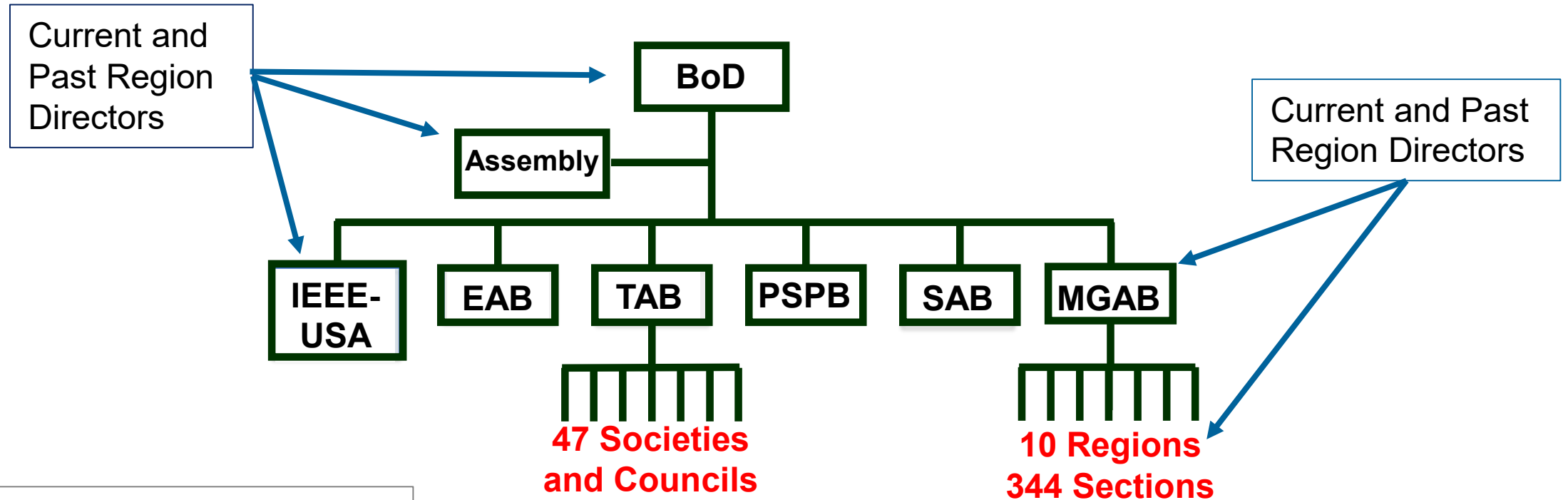# What Can I Do Beyond My Section? Volunteering

Depends on your interests

- Serve on committees - can evolve into Elected and Appointed leadership roles
- Educational Activities involvement
- Standards
- Public Policy
- Publications
- Conferences
- Membership Activities/Committees
- Technical Activities – Societies, Councils, Technical Committees or Communities
- Humanitarian and STEM Outreach

There are <u>many</u> options for involvement; you can find one that suits your passion and your availability!

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What Can I Do Beyond My Section? Higher Level Volunteer

Work your way up

Current and Past Region Directors

BoD

Assembly

Current and Past Region Directors

IEEE-USA

EAB

TAB

PSPB

SAB

MGAB

47 Societies and Councils
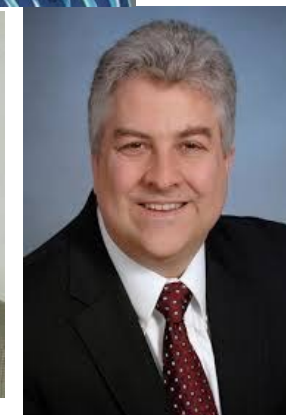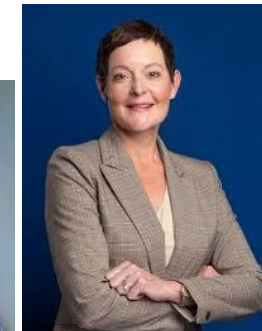
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BoD: IEEE Board of Directors
EAB: Educational Activities Board
TAB: Technical Activities Board
PSPB: Publication Services and Products Board
SAB: Standard Association Board
MGAB: Member & Geographic Activities Board

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Who Can Answer Questions?

With some of their areas of experience

- All Past and Current Region Directors: IEEE Board, MGA, USA
- Mary Ellen Randall - Finance, MOVE
- Dave Green - Foundation, Finance, Governance
- Eric Grigorian – Conferences, Audit
- Theresa Brunasso - Conferences, Governance, GeoUnits
- Jill Gostin - Technical Activities, Governance, Member Conduct, N&A (Region, USA, IEEE, MGA, Societies/Councils)
- Jim Conrad - IEEE-USA, HKN, EAB, ABET
- Gregg Vaughn – Audit, MOVE, USA, Licensure
- Kathy Land - Technical Activities, Educational Activities, Standards
- Kristin Bing - Awards, Society activities, Sections
- Pat Donohoe - Student Activities, MGA, Training
- Andy Seely - Society Activities, Sr Member Elevations
- Ryan Bales – HKN, EAB

… and others! Feel free to reach out for assistance!

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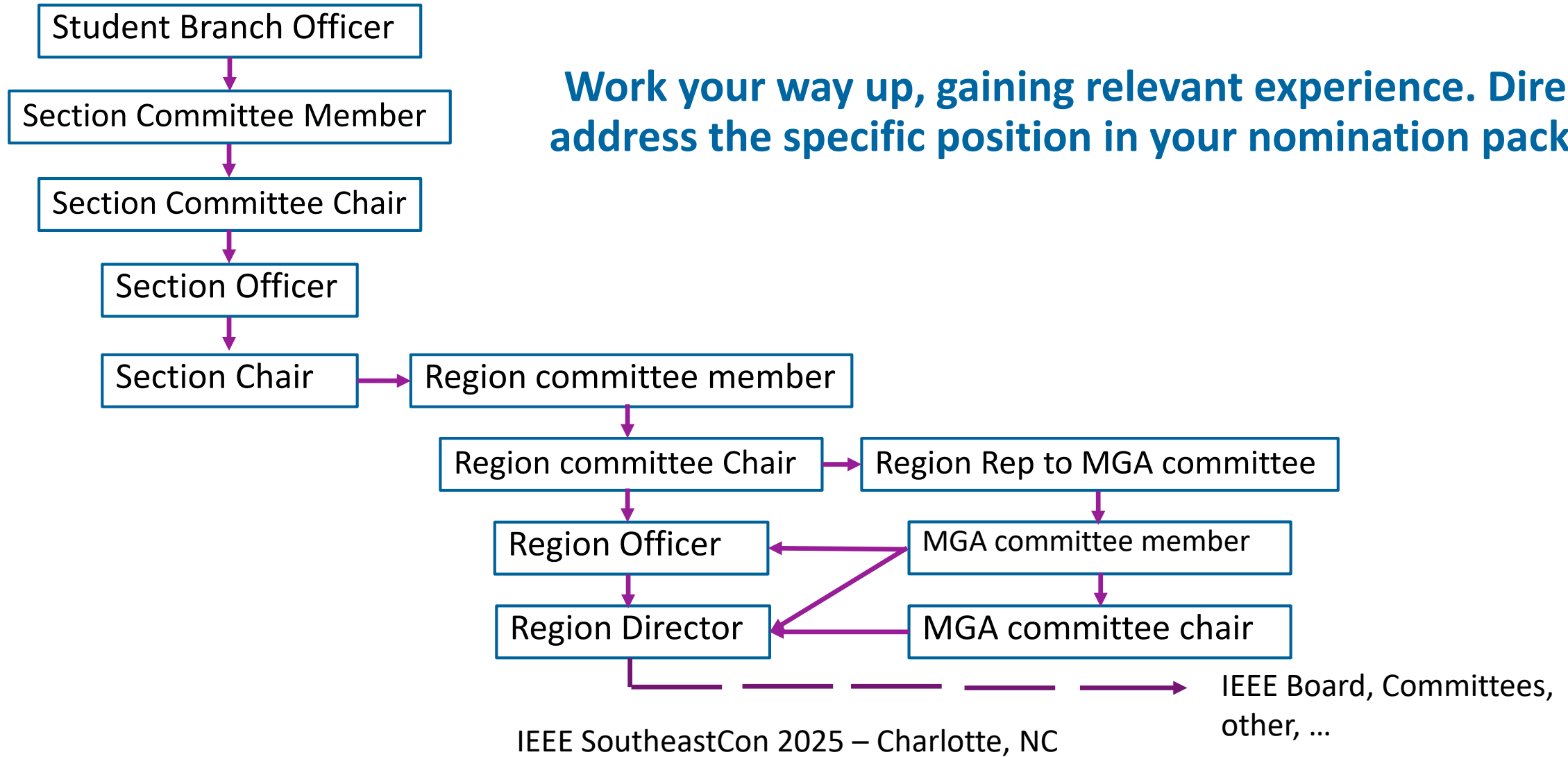# How Can I Become More Involved as a Volunteer?

Take the first step

- Talk to those on the previous slide, or others with broad IEEE experience

- Review charters, Ops Manuals, committee descriptions, position information
  - IEEE Committee descriptions
  - MGA Committees
  - TAB Committees
  - EAB committees

- Nominate yourself or ask someone to nominate you – use "Nominations & Appointments" drop-down list

- Go to a meeting; talk with those involved

- Contact leaders of groups you are interested in

- Check out the Volunteer Portal

The key is to let someone know that you are interested and want to help

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How Can I Become More Involved as a Volunteer?

Work Your Way Up

Work your way up, gaining relevant experience. Directly address the specific position in your nomination package.

Student Branch Officer

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Section Committee Member

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Section Committee Chair

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Section Officer

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Section Chair → Region committee member

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Region committee Chair → Region Rep to MGA committee

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Region Officer ← MGA committee member

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Region Director ← MGA committee chair

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IEEE Board, Committees, other, …

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Write a GREAT Nomination Package

- Directly address the specific position in your nomination package

- DO NOT use the same submission for different positions

- Read about the position; think about what is required for the position and the charter/goals of the committee or group

- List relevant experience within IEEE <u>and</u> elsewhere

- Identify things you achieved in previous positions

- What would you want to achieve in this position?

- Create your nomination packages offline (so you can save them and share them)

- Ask someone to review your responses before you submit

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Where Can I Be Involved?

Many options!

- Locally – e.g., a Society's conference near you

- Regionally – Be a Region 3 volunteer; plus often Societies and other IEEE groups have Region positions

- USA – Especially if you are interested in Policy!

- World-wide – Humanitarian outreach, conferences, Committee and Board meetings

For higher level positions, consider the time commitment, including meeting preparation and travel, before submitting your nomination

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When **Can I Get Started?**

Today!

- For many positions, it takes time

- The earlier you start putting your name out there, the better

- Ask questions all along the way

- You can begin a long-term plan for where you want to be in the future – create a roadmap

- Start today!

Did I say today?? Yes, today – just let me know what you're interested in. I'll find a way to help you get started.

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