

Everyone Likes to be Recognized

Everyone likes to be recognized! Recognition by peers can be an important motivator to members and volunteers. Recognizing companies and other organizations that support IEEE activities let's them know that you appreciate their support and encourages future support. Recognizing IEEE organizational units encourages the volunteers involved to further efforts.

Member recognition includes helping your peers achieve senior membership or going from associate member to full member. Many folks who are associate members qualify for full IEEE membership and thus the right to hold elected positions and participate in IEEE elections. Changing a member from an associate to a full member is an easy operation for a section officer and recognizes that they are a full member of the IEEE. You can find out more about associate to full member elevation here:

http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/grade_elevation.html

The process of elevating a member to a senior member is a bit more involved than the associate member elevation. A senior member nomination can be made by the senior member candidate, or one of the three senior member or fellow references that must help a candidate with their senior member nomination. If one of the three references submits the nomination form then the other two references only need to fill in the reference (note that the membership numbers of the senior member candidate as well as the three references is needed to submit a nomination).

This is the method often taken at local IEEE senior member elevation events where a group of senior members helps regular members submit their senior member nomination form and references. Region 6 wants to have more senior members elevated during 2016 than it ever has before as part of our 1% total membership growth plan for the region so we hope that your local section will have one or more of these events this year. You can find the senior member elevation form at:

https://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/senior/application/application_index.html

It is important to recognize companies and individuals that have helped at the section, area and region level through the Region 6 awards program. We have just finished the 2016 awards program at the section and area level and are moving on to the region awards. You can find out about the Region 6 awards here: <http://ieee-region6.org/category/r6-activities/awards/> Beyond these awards there are additional awards available from IEEE USA and IEEE MGA to recognize individual and companies. Often there are very few candidates submitted for any one of these awards so if you do a good job on an award nomination your chances of it being approved are very high. You can find out about IEEE USA awards here:

<http://www.ieeeusa.org/volunteers/awards/> You can find out about MGA awards

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http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/awards/index.html

Recognizing IEEE local organization units by Members and Geographical Activities (MGA) as well as technical societies really gives these units a big boost, leading to more volunteer support for future activities. In 2016 the Santa Clara Valley Section was recognized as Large IEEE Section of the Year by IEEE MGA. In addition the San Francisco Section Power and Engineering Society (PES) chapter was recognized as the Outstanding Large Chapter of the year by the PES. We congratulate these two Region 6 organizational units for their great performance and encourage IEEE members in the region to submit their own organizational unit for future awards. See more information here: <http://ieee-region6.org/2016/2016-ieee-mga-outstanding-large-section-award-ieee-santa-clara-valley-section/>).

Any IEEE member can submit an award nomination and a section or chapter officer can create and give out their own awards. IEEE has many opportunities to recognize the good works of individuals, companies and our organizational units. Please get involved in member elevation and the various IEEE awards programs and recognize the people and institutions that have made a difference in our Region.

Best wishes!

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