

Recognizing Our Members and Chapter Recording

One of the best ways to retain IEEE members is to recognize them for their service to society and the profession. IEEE members who are elevated to senior membership are much more likely to remain IEEE members for an extended period.

The IEEE Senior membership recognizes members for their contribution to society and to the profession over a long period of time. Many IEEE members qualify for this recognition (they have 10 or more years of useful activity and/or contribution to the profession) but a minority of these folks so qualified, are actually senior members.

Earlier this year I was involved in elevating Steve Wozniak (the Woz) to be a senior member—you would be surprised to find out who isn't yet a senior member. If you aren't a senior member yet, you are the majority of members, but you can be a senior member and receive benefits from this status.

One of the best things that we can do for fellow members of our IEEE community is to recognize them for their efforts and achievements. For this reason we need to do more to help members that qualify become senior members. The goal for IEEE Region 6 is 340 senior member advancements in 2015 and we have reached 74% of that goal. How can we increase the number of senior member elevations in our region?

First, review the senior member information on the web site at: http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/senior/index.html. If you or someone you knows meets these qualifications submit them to be a senior member. Note the big issue is that 3 IEEE senior members or fellows need to provide the nomination or recommendations to have a valid senior member submission. Getting 3 senior members or fellows to be part of the submission is usually the biggest issue.

Sections can help with these elevations by organizing events bringing together senior members and fellow and senior member candidates to sit together and fill in the on-line forms to submit people to be senior members. It is amazing how many of these can be done in an hour or two with a number of senior members connected to the internet. These sort of Senior Member Rodeos or Round Ups can really help to increase the number of senior members. In addition Sections can keep a list of senior members that potential candidates can contact to submit for senior members.

In addition to senior member elevations each section probably has a number of members who are "associate" members. These people pay the same membership fees as full members but they are not able to vote in IEEE elections, serve IEEE volunteer offices and are not recognized as full members. Most of these associate members are eligible to be full members but unless someone investigates and starts this process they will remain as associate members. Elevating someone from an

associate to a full IEEE member is a much simpler process than a senior member elevation and all sections should contact their associate members and see if they can be made full members.

Let's help our fellow members get recognized for their experience and talents. As a community we need to help each other and recognize our good efforts and successes. If you are a senior member, IEEE fellow or section officer please help your fellow members become senior members.

Recording Technical Meetings

Going further along the lines of what we can do for each other, I urge you to look at and contribute to our technical chapter-recording project. This is an IEEE NIC funded activity that is going between IEEE Region 4 and 6 this year to train and equip our section chapter leaders to capture their technical chapter meetings and submit them to a web site where these can be viewed for free by IEEE members.

With this capability technical chapter meetings can be shared with IEEE members all over the world and if you happen to miss an interesting meeting you can still listen to what was presented.

We urge you to get your local chapters involved in recording their meetings. You can find more information on this on the Region 6 web site under 2015 Opcom meeting at: <http://ieee-region6.org/category/region-meetings/> and also from the chapter recording viewing and access site at: www.nuxlabs.com where you can create an account and view, search and comment on existing recordings as well.

If you are ready to start recording in your section chapters please contact Scott Tamashiro who can get you the latest material and also help you with resources such as a microphone set and Techsmith software that you can use to start recording your chapter technical meetings.