

## **I-400. GEOGRAPHICAL & TECHNICAL GROUPS/ORGANIZATION OF MEMBERS**

### I-400. Groups of Members.

The following groups of members are hereby established to promote the objectives and interests of IEEE.

#### I-401. Technical Organization of Members

1. Divisions. There shall be ten Divisions. A Division is typically composed of one or more Societies, and may contain Technical Councils. The establishment of the specific composition of each Division is recommended by the Technical Activities Board to the IEEE Board of Directors and shall be specified in the IEEE Policies. If a Society warrants representation by more than one Division, the voting members of that Society shall be voting members of all those Divisions.
2. Societies. A Society provides a forum and community for the exchange of technical information among members in the respective discipline and industries of electrical and electronics engineering and related arts and sciences. Societies may represent either an identifiable segment of the electrical and electronics industries, or a discipline having applicability in different industries and functions. A Society's scope or mission shall be approved by TAB.
3. Society Establishment and Operation. Societies shall be established within the scope and objectives of the IEEE groups of members interested in specific technical fields or related subjects. The procedures for organizing a new Society and operating an existing Society shall be contained in the TAB Operations Manual.
4. Society Membership. All Societies shall consist exclusively of IEEE members and such Affiliates as may be recognized by the Executive Committee.
5. Delegation of Authority. The Technical Activities Board can delegate certain operational and administrative matters to Societies that achieve criteria for autonomous operations. Responsibilities and criteria shall be specified in the TAB Operations Manual. Matters of fundamental policy or governance shall not be delegated.
6. Technical Councils. Technical Councils may be established by the Technical Activities Board for the purpose of providing a continuing mechanism for two or more IEEE Societies, called Member Societies, to work together in a multi-disciplinary technical area of mutual interest, primarily through conferences and publications. The procedures for organizing a new Technical Council and operating an existing Technical Council shall be contained in the TAB Operations Manual.
7. Technical Council Membership. A Technical Council has Member Societies but no individual members. In all respects except membership, a Technical Council operates generally like a Society. The representatives on the Technical Councils are to be designated by the Member Societies and are to elect their own President and other officers. Other policies and operational details shall be specified by each Technical Council.

### I-402. Geographic Organization of Members

The geographic organizational units of the IEEE are Regions, Areas, Councils, Sections, Subsection, Chapters, Student Branches, Student Branch Chapters, and Affinity Groups. Relevant functions, composition and administrative guidelines and procedures regarding IEEE geographic organizational units are provided in RAB Operations Manual.

1. Regions. A Region shall be a geographical organizational unit consisting of a part of one, or of one, or of more than one country established by RAB in accordance with the IEEE Constitution as an operating organizational unit of IEEE for management and administrative purposes to represent and fulfill the missions of the IEEE within the territory prescribed.

In intent, all parts of the world are in a Region. The boundaries of the Regions are as follows and shall be further specified in each Region's Bylaws:

- Region 1 shall comprise Northeastern USA.
- Region 2 shall comprise Eastern USA.
- Region 3 shall comprise Southeastern USA and the island of Jamaica as a part of its territory.
- Region 4 shall comprise Central USA.
- Region 5 shall comprise Southwestern USA.
- Region 6 shall comprise Western USA.
- Region 7 shall comprise the territory of Canada.
- Region 8 shall comprise Africa, Europe, Greenland, Iceland, the Republics of the former USSR, and the Near and Middle East countries located west of Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Region 9 shall comprise the territory encompassing the Caribbean and Bahamas Islands, South America, Central America and North America (except the United States, Jamaica and Canada).
- Region 10 shall comprise Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and related islands.

2. Areas. Areas may be established as parts of a Region. An Area shall generally consist of several Sections, states, provinces, or countries which may be established by the Regional Committee as a management and administrative organizational unit of IEEE to fulfill the communication needs and management/ administrative missions of the Region within the territory prescribed.
3. Geographic Councils. A Council may be formed by agreement of a group of contiguous Sections and it exists at their pleasure. It is formed by the Sections to do only those delegated tasks that can be best done together by the Sections rather than singly by each Section. The Sections retain their recognition as the basic operating, executive, administrative and geographic unit of the IEEE. The formation of a Council must be approved by the Regional Director and the Regional Activities Board.
4. Sections. A Section shall be the basic operating geographic organizational unit of IEEE and shall be constituted by a minimum of fifty (50) members. A Section shall be established with the approval of the Regional Activities Board by petition of those who live/work in relatively close proximity to be served by activities that further the missions of IEEE.

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5. Subsections. Sections may have Subsections. A Subsection shall be a part of a Section, constituted by a minimum of twenty (20) members, and established with the approval of RAB by petition to the Section Executive Committee, who live/work in relatively close proximity to be served by the activities that further the mission of IEEE.
6. Chapters. A Chapter shall be a technical subunit of one or more Sections, or a Council, and is constituted by a minimum of twelve (12) members of a Society or group of Societies and established by petition to the parent organizational unit(s) and Societies concerned to fulfill the mission of IEEE.
7. Student Branches. A Student Branch shall be an operating organizational unit of IEEE constituted by a minimum of twenty (20) IEEE Student members at a particular college, university, technical institute, or, in unusual circumstances attached to a Section, and established with approval of RAB by petition to the Region concerned to fulfill the mission of IEEE.
8. Student Branch Chapters. Student Branches may have Student Branch Chapters. A Student Branch Chapter shall be a technical subunit of a Student Branch constituted by a minimum of twelve (12) Student members of a Society or group of Societies and established by petition to the parent Student Branch and Society concerned to fulfill the mission of IEEE. A Student Branch Chapter functions in a manner similar to a committee of the Student Branch.
9. Affinity Groups. An affinity group shall be a local non-technical unit of an IEEE organizational unit or standing committee established by petition to the parent organizational unit to fulfill the purposes of IEEE.

### I-403. Organization of Standards Membership

#### 1. IEEE-SA Membership Qualifications

Membership in the IEEE-SA shall be drawn from

- Individuals
- Not-for-profit enterprises
- For-profit enterprises

Individuals include IEEE members, IEEE Society affiliates, and individuals who are not otherwise affiliated with the IEEE, all of whom shall have shown a demonstrated interest in IEEE standards activities.

Not-for-profit enterprises include but are not limited to organizations, such as a government agency (federal, state, provincial or local), user group, or trade association, that have shown a demonstrated interest in IEEE standards activities.

For-profit enterprises include but are not limited to business corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and other forms of business associations.

Controlled groups of enterprises shall be entitled to a single membership in IEEE-SA except as otherwise provided for by the IEEE-SA BOG.

Further details about IEEE-SA membership are given in the IEEE Standards Association Operations Manual.

#### 2. Suspension or Expulsion of Members

Any IEEE-SA member may be suspended or expelled from membership by a two-thirds vote of the IEEE-SA BOG for any of the following reasons:

- a) Failure to conform with the provisions of the IEEE Bylaws or the IEEE-SA Operations Manual
- b) Any unethical or unlawful conduct unbecoming a member of IEEE-SA or calculated to bring the IEEE or IEEE-SA into disrepute
- c) Failure to continue to meet membership or eligibility requirements

The IEEE-SA BOG President may suspend or expel a member for failure to pay membership dues or assessments that are 60 days or more past due.

The procedure for removal is outlined in the IEEE Standards Association Operations Manual.

#### 3. Suspended and Expelled Members' Right

Any member suspended from the IEEE-SA under this Bylaw shall have no claim against IEEE or IEEE-SA or vote in the IEEE-SA. Any member expelled from the IEEE-SA under this Bylaw shall have no further interest in the property of, or claim against, the IEEE-SA, and shall be entitled to re-apply only through reconsideration by the IEEE-SA BOG as set forth in these Bylaws and upon payment in full of all obligations to the IEEE-SA outstanding at the time of expulsion.