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IEEE Sections Congress 2014 Recommendations

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Final SC2014 top five recommendations

The Primary Section Delegates voted and the final top five recommendations are:

9. Include free access to IEEE Digital Library as a member benefit. Promote other IEEE services and products based on their usage and preferences (adopt Google Business Model).
1. Develop an incentive and recognition program for companies that invest in full or partial support of their employees' IEEE membership dues.
3. Introduce loyalty rewards such as publication access, conference fees, standards for continued membership.
2. Provide a tool to build, promote, record, host and broadcast technical events at the local level and make them available to IEEE members.
23. Enhance vTools for better usability by volunteers and provide a training program to the Sections.

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All submitted SC2014 recommendations

The following recommendations were submitted by the ten IEEE Regions. SC2014 attendees are encouraged to discuss the recommendations using the [SC2014 Facebook page](#).

Primary Section Delegates will vote on the recommendations during the IEEE Sections Congress 2014, and the five (5) prioritized recommendations will be presented to the MGA Board for action and reported to the IEEE Board of Directors.

1. Develop an incentive and recognition program for companies that invest in full or partial support of their employees' IEEE membership dues.
2. Provide a tool to build, promote, record, host and broadcast technical events at the local level and make them available to IEEE members.
3. Introduce loyalty rewards such as publication access, conference fees, standards for continued membership.
4. Establish additional incentives for members to seek elevation to senior membership.
5. Establish and/or strengthen relationships at national or international level with non-IEEE organizations of interest to IEEE members. Build the framework for sections to connect and cooperate with these organizations at the local level.
6. Establish a global student and Young Professionals (YP) exchange program through global agreements between IEEE, industry and government.

7. Develop a collaborative platform (one stop shop) for professionals and for the IEEE organizational units.
8. Establish an IEEE Hot Line to provide immediate support for engineers seeking information, advice or help regarding ethics related issues.
9. Include free access to IEEE Digital Library as a member benefit. Promote other IEEE services and products based on their usage and preferences (adopt Google Business Model).
10. Include free access to periodic free articles or e-tutorials as a member benefit by awarding credits with dues.
11. Offer members an adaptive bundle program to obtain small number of select articles at reasonable prices from IEEE Xplore Digital Library.
12. Transform the senior member and Fellow elevation processes to automatically generate nominations by IEEE based on member career growth, publications and patents.
13. Improve membership recruitment at events through an "off-line" join application when there is no internet connectivity.
14. Develop a series of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) at introductory level on engineering and technology disciplines including a discussion on value of membership in a professional society for high school seniors, freshman college students, and public in general.
15. Develop an opt-in calendar listing for Section events that will work with popular calendars, such as Google, Outlook, Yahoo, iCal, etc.
16. Produce and maintain a catalog of humanitarian efforts throughout IEEE for use by members and the global community.
17. Provide members with ability to view meetings and activities outside their local geographic area (section).
18. Develop consistent global engineering and technology outreach (to pre-college students) tools that can be easily implemented within sections.
19. Integrate IEEE information into social media feeds for easier access.
20. Create daylong programs on technical topics at an overview level suitable for those external to the discipline.
21. Connect student members and Young Professionals with Life Members to leverage their talent and experience.
22. Provide free memberships to graduate and undergraduate students who are active in their local sections for their first two years in the work force.
23. Enhance vTools for better usability by volunteers and provide a training program to the Sections.
24. Create career fairs and other activities to help members find employment.
25. Create an entrepreneurs network and other programs to help IEEE members create and run successful start-ups and to fund opportunities in start-ups.
26. Membership and Geographic Activities should work to extend the open access option for journal publications to conferences and workshops.
27. Promote closer ties and collaboration between IEEE and industry through events such as tradeshow and on-site training.
28. Foster IEEE member development by offering reduced dues to some societies and affinity groups such as Social Implications of Technology, Education and Professional Communications and Women in Engineering.
29. Update and optimize mobile applications for tools and services from IEEE not only for members but also volunteer resources.
30. Create a corporate membership program oriented for the Small Office Home Office (SOHO).
31. Make it mandatory for Technical Societies to consult local Section before holding a conference in that area to leverage local volunteer resources and provide the opportunity for financial partnership.
32. Recognize a member's contribution to IEEE activities such as conference registrations and contributions as reviewers through letters that can be useful in professional career development.
33. Enhance volunteer experience by providing more resources and references such as web applications, templates, etc. for hosting conferences and events.
34. Provide a gateway to more easily use the distinguished lectures at the section level.

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Recommendations process

Each Region was requested to submit up to four (4) recommendations that think “long term.” For example, how will geographic units (volunteers and members) be doing business differently as a result of technology? How can IEEE think locally and act globally in this environment?

Leading up to SC2014, all attendees were encouraged to discuss the recommendations via social media. The Primary Section Delegates voted on the recommendations during SC2014, having direct input into future IEEE MGA activities. The top five (5) recommendations were presented on 24 August 2014 at the Closing Ceremony.

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