

CHAPTER BRIEFS

a newsletter for IEEE Society Chapters

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A Chapter is required to report and file not less than two (2) technical meetings per year. Changes to its roster of officers need to be submitted in a timely manner using electronic reporting tools provided by MGA <<http://vtools.ieee>>. Failure to hold/report meetings annually could result in dissolution of your chapter.

Reminder: Call for Nominations: 2020 MGA Individual Awards Program: Deadline 15 October

**** This message sent on behalf of Jason K. Hui, MGA Awards and Recognition Committee Chair ****

You can help recognize the efforts of outstanding volunteers by nominating individuals for one of the prestigious [IEEE Member and Geographic Activities \(MGA\) Awards](#). Each award has a unique mission and criteria and offers the opportunity to honor distinguished colleagues, inspiring teachers, and corporate leaders.

If you know someone who has made substantial regional IEEE volunteer contributions through innovative projects, exemplary leadership, service, or by fulfilling the goals as related to transnational activities, consider nominating them for one of the following awards:

- [MGA Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award](#)
- [MGA Innovation Award](#)
- [MGA Leadership Award](#)
- [MGA Achievement Award](#)
- [MGA Young Professionals Achievement Award](#)

Please visit the MGA Award nomination web page to [review the nominator guidelines and eligibility requirements](#). MGA awards are peer-recognized awards; therefore, self-nomination is not permitted.

The deadline for nominations is 15 October 2020 (for completed nomination form and two letters of endorsement).

[Nominate a colleague now](#)

MGA Awards & Recognition Program
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Chapter Events and Officer Reporting

A reminder that chapter events and officer reporting need to be updated in [vTools](#) <<http://vtools.ieee.org>> throughout the year. This will ensure that current data is on file and that your chapter activity is accurately recorded. All

units are encouraged to try to hold at least virtual meetings, if possible, to show that the unit is active. If needed, please visit

<<https://site.ieee.org/vtools/training/>> to access tutorials on how to enter this information

Member and Geographic Activities (MGA), has recently provided the 2020 designated Society and Council Chapter Coordinators with a listing of the number of chapter activities for each Society and Council Chapter for the current year and the prior three years. Please send an email to <tad-chap-dev@ieee.org> if additional information is needed or to locate your designated Society or Council Chapter Coordinator representative.

A list of the 2020 Society and Council Chapter Coordinators may also be found at:

<https://mga.ieee.org/resources-operations/geographic-unit/chapters/ieee-society-chapter-coordinators>

Announcing 2020 MGA Award Recipients

MGA William W. Middleton Award

Every three years, the [MGA William W. Middleton Distinguished Service Award](#) is presented to an individual, who over a long and sustained period of leadership, contributed in an exemplary manner to the IEEE Member and Geographic Activities (MGA) Board, its activities and achievements, and the attainment of its goals and objectives.

On 27 June 2020, the IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Board selected Luis Alberto Remez (Region 9, Argentina Section) as the 2020 recipient of the MGA William W. Middleton Distinguished Service Award, "For long-term leadership, commitment, and contributions as a volunteer in supporting the MGA goals and strategies for the benefit of IEEE and its members"

MGA Outstanding Section Award Recipients

On 27 June 2020, the IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Board selected the following recipients of the 2020 MGA Outstanding Large, Medium and Small Section Awards, based on 2019 activities:

- 2020 MGA Outstanding Large Section Award recipient is the **IEEE Kerala Section from Region 10**
- 2020 MGA Outstanding Medium Section Award recipient is the **IEEE Ecuador Section from Region 9**
- 2020 MGA Outstanding Small Section Award recipient is the **IEEE Panama Section from Region 9**

Congratulations to the Kerala, Ecuador and Panama Sections for being selected for these awards "For successful efforts in fulfilling the educational and scientific goals of IEEE for the benefit of the public by maintaining, enhancing, and supporting the Student Branches, Technical Chapters, and Affinity Groups within their geographic boundaries."

The MGA Awards and Recognition Committee and the MGA Board were impressed by the quality of the nominations submitted and congratulate all Sections who submitted nominations for these awards.

Thank you to the nominators, Section Chairs, Region Awards Chairs, MGA Awards and Recognition Committee, and everyone who participated in the 2020 Outstanding Section Awards process.

IEEE COVID-19 News & Resources Hub

IEEE has established a single platform for all #COVID19 related resources to support our members during the pandemic. Access the latest virtual educational opportunities, free e-books, virtual networking, and more in one place by visiting: <https://covid19.ieee.org/>

IEEE-Branded Virtual Backgrounds for Video Conferencing Tools

IEEE has created IEEE-branded virtual backgrounds for video conferencing tools like Zoom and Microsoft Team. [Visit the page](#) to download the images and view instructions on how to upload the background images for meetings.

OU Analytics - A Valuable Resource for Volunteers

As a reminder for continuing chapter chairs and for incoming chapter chairs for 2020, we would like to highlight a valuable resource available to you. Launched in 2018, IEEE OU Analytics, is a web-based business intelligence tool which delivers essential metrics on memberships or subscriptions to OUs, including Societies, Councils, Technical Communities, etc. Using Tableau platform, the intuitive interface leverages visualization technology to present data in multidimensional tables and charts. The landing page provides easy access to various dashboards which contains filters to refine by OU, Region, Section, Grade, and Gender. Counts provided on the dashboards can link directly to respective member contact details. The ability to search for one particular member by last name, first name or member number from the membership list is also available. Selected volunteer positions in respective OUs have automatic access to their OU's data.

Based upon members' renewal status, OU Analytics delivers key statistics for active, new, renewing or arrears members that can be sorted or refined using various filters. It eliminates the need for volunteers to create/run queries from a data set (previously through SAMIEEE) which can sometimes lead to incorrect results. Doublet (overlapping) society membership and technical community/technical council data are also available.

The OU Analytics Geo Map offers geographic displays and interactive dashboard views of IEEE organization units. The Map provides key statistical facts by Region, IEEE/Society Member, Chapter, Student Branch, and Affinity Group and shows the concentration within all ten IEEE Regions. Hover over various views to display data counts. Data can be refined using the filters. The map also provides the ability to identify membership density for potential society chapters and student branches globally.

Data is updated daily and is pulled directly from IEEE's membership database, reflecting the most current information. Data and images can be downloaded using various formats. You will need your IEEE Account information to access. Please review the site for more information or feel free to contact us. There are recorded training webinars, presentations, FAQs, and Users Groups readily available to you as a resource, and one-on-one sessions can be scheduled, upon request.

- <http://www.ieee.org/ouanalytics>

OU Analytics Webinar Training Available: To receive customized or personalized training for a better understanding of how to use OU Analytics, please email ouanalytics@ieee.org or tad-chap-dev@ieee.org.

OU Analytics - Tip of the Month

Each month, the Chapter Briefs Newsletter will feature an OU Analytics Tip that will be helpful to all who utilize the OU Analytics tool. This month's Tip features obtaining **Membership Verification**.

This feature provides interactive views for memberships, communities, councils, online libraries, and periodicals. Refined data can be obtained by utilizing the filters (i.e., Renewal Category) as displayed in the screenshots below.

Please click on the link below to access the screenshots.

[Membership Verification](#)



Payments to Chapters Processed through Local Section Bank Accounts

A process is in place to ensure that Section, Chapter and Society officers will be notified when a wire transfer is processed through a local Section bank account for a chapter that does not have its own bank account. The Society or Council administrative staff who is submitting the chapter payment request to IEEE Treasury will notify the Section, Chapter and Society Treasurers via email that a payment to that particular Section is in progress. The wire transfer will contain the GEO code of the Chapter to assist in identifying the final destination of the funds.

RESOURCES

- [IEEE Technical Chapters](#)
- [Volunteer Tools](#)
- [Volunteer Development](#)
- [Membership Development](#)
- [IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Operations Manual](#)
- [Tip of the Month Archive](#)

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This monthly Chapter Briefs newsletter provides information and resources to volunteers and staff of IEEE Society and Council chapters.

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