IEEE NSW SECTION:

REGION 10 (R10) Meeting Report

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The intention of this report is to go over some of the key outcomes observed during the course of the meeting and offer some pointers in possible project plans to develop these ideas.

The highlights observed were:

1. Marc Apter discussed the extensive (IEL) publications access and the emerging trend where much of the academic publications and technical papers are published on-line. While this is of basic threat to the IEEE publications enterprise, it is an deal for IEEE to position their information dissemination methods.
2. Marc also explained the misinterpreted rules regarding Associate Membership, where ALL associate members can upgrade to full member status after 6 years (with no degree), or after 3 years with ANY degree. It is suggested a review of associate members be made to get a possible no-cost membership upgrade. I am preparing an additional slide for the "IEEE NSW Student Resources" section to show the relationships of member grades.
3. The introduction of a new "Graduate Member Grade" to give post-graduate students access to full "Member" benefits at student member prices.
4. The GOLD (Grad of last Decade) Affinity chair Ms T Angkaew highlighted three areas of adding value to members in their first 10 years after graduation. The importance of adding value in the student to member transition phase was discussed.

   The R10 GOLD initiatives are:

   a. Technical Career Building, Networking and Mentoring. Technical society and chapter involvement, dinner lectures with industry specialists, GOLD committee involvement.
   b. Soft Skill development. Leadership (R10 workshop & subsidy), negotiation, communications, business, ethics, social skills.

5. The R10 Student paper contest closed on 28 Feb 2005, which will essentially defer any NSW Section student elevations to region 10 to be considered in 2006. There were no IEEE NSW student paper submissions to R10 to meet this deadline. Discussions ensued, but given the R10 Student Award deadlines are based on northern

hemisphere business and education calendars, this peculiar timing issue looks likely to remain. This will be clarified on our website.

Additionally, there is a R10 Student Chapter website contest which closed on 15 March. This has no profile in the IEEE NSW Section and we should be considered raising or developing this idea further.

6. The R10 newsletter is in need of additional resources to add a detailed R10 events calendar and get some artistic layout input to the document. The sections within R10 need to promote key events to the R10 newsletter. Remaining submission deadlines are 13 May, 12 Aug and 11 Nov.
7. The Malaysian Section brought up the need to use term that relate to individual Countries. This is specifically related to CEU's and Malaysia and Australia's CPD's.
8. Mention was briefly made in passing of a R10 robotics competition. More information to be researched.
9. The TENCON 2005 event in Melbourne in November is progressing well, and there appears to be a significant increasing profile of the TENCON events. R10 is still seeking expressions of interest for section hosts for the TENCON 2010 event.

The evening dinner and R10 awards presentations comprised section awards to the NSW Section, Two to the SA Section, NZ North Section (25y), NZ South Section(25y), Tokyo Section (50y). A photo CD of the event was published.

External to the R10 event, and informal Australia Council meeting was held over breakfast. The purpose of the informal meeting was unclear. The Australian MOU between IEE, IEEE and Engineers Australia was brought up, noting that both IEE and Engineers Australia are seeking to have local sections establish contact to begin to action the agreement with regard to joint events.

Australian Section Award recipients, Ahmed Ziauddin SA Section Chair, Seiichi Takeuchi R10 Director, Michael Evans Australia Council Chair, Marc Apter VP RAB, Dr Seo R10 Director 2003/2004, Graeme Gwilliam NSW Section Chair.