



IEEE Sections Congress

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Region 5 Updates and Opportunities

- R5 Congress: Fort Worth, Spring 2027
- Future Grid Conference & Expo: October 2027, Denver area
- Region 5 Awards and Nomination Portal opens Oct. 15 and closes Dec. 31, 2026.
- Region leadership expressed interest in visiting Kansas City to see local activity and become more involved.
- Director Sanderson emphasized conferences as a major revenue source and encouraged Sections to partner early and honor commitments.
- Always include #wie on any applicable social media posts.
- STEM remains a priority. Oklahoma City is developing a Standards Marathon. Region 5 Podcast welcomes any announcements.

Key Takeaways

1. Build the Membership Pipeline

Student-to-YP transition is a major drop-off point. Target events include career development, resume help, STEP (Student Transition and Education Partnership), and direct Student Branch collaboration

2. Engage Industry by Listening First

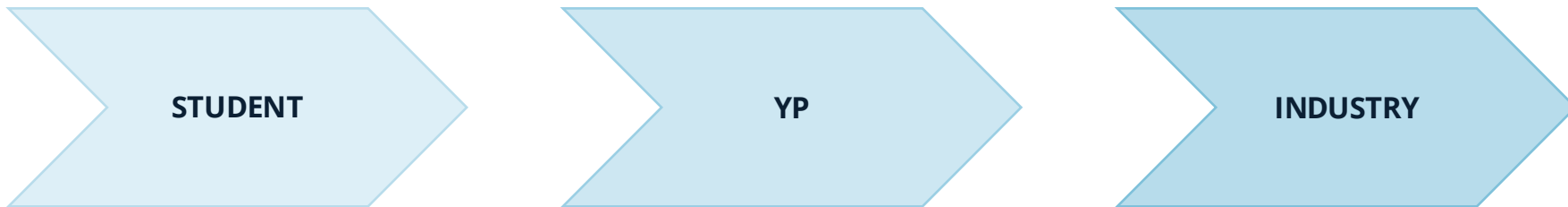
Ask local employers what they need, then build programming around those needs. Roundtables, WTS events, and virtual career fairs are concrete options.

3. Strengthen Section Operations

An operations manual, leadership training, broader ExCom participation, and cross-group collaboration can improve continuity.

Build the Membership Pipeline

Member Value Starts Before Graduation



- IEEE can fill professional-development gaps that universities may not.
- Almost half of IEEE members are students.
- YPs often feel lost after graduation, especially around jobs and networking.
- Resume workshops led by YPs for Student Branches are a practical bridge.
- Career talks and STEP events can strengthen the Student Branch-to-YP transition.

Engage Industry by Listening First

The IEC session framed industry engagement as a collaboration problem, not a marketing problem.

- R5 and R6 have the highest percentage of industry membership.
- YP members want career development; emphasize technical skill improvement.
- Career development and recognition are explicit ways IEEE can provide value to industry members.
- Listen: Reach out to companies and ask how IEEE can help. Consider an industry roundtable with the chamber of commerce and local leaders.
- Design: Use the needs you hear to shape a World Technology Summit or other locally relevant technical and career programming.
- Connect: Bring employers into IEEE virtual career fairs and create thought-leadership opportunities

Strengthen Section Operations

- Create a Section Ops Manual: Region 5 meeting directly stated that every Section needs an operations manual.
- Broaden the ExCom: Group Chairs should serve on the Section ExCom. Consider inviting Student Branch leaders as well.
- Train incoming leaders: New leadership can benefit from early training on vTools and budget processes.
- Increase events: Virtual Career Fairs and World Technology Summit are excellent ways to tap into existing IEEE events