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Working to Not Be Boring

Being Director of IEEE Region 6 for the last two years has been one of the greatest jobs I've ever had. Our region has have had one major strategic goal started for each of the years: **Creating the Next Generation of IEEE and Transforming Our Organization for the Next Century.**

To create the Next Generation: we took on this Star Trek theme and have transformed our organization with and for Students, Young Professionals, and Women in Engineering. By changing who is included at the table, even changing bylaws to make sure we did this, we redesigned region activities to serve the needs of working and learning professionals, and those of our future professionals. We've been able to change ourselves to better provide a professional home base that inspires and enables each of us to be our best and brightest. I am also very proud of the large number of our region's leaders who have become world leaders, allowing us to help create the next generation across IEEE.

For the last two years we have come together across the region to produce and support members, to make the world a better place, and to support the next generation of IEEE through major efforts like Rising Stars, Women in Engineering International Leadership Conference, SPARKing global collaborations, leadership in Student Activities, and organizing flagship conferences in Global Humanitarian Technology and Technologies for Substantiality.

I am truly grateful to 2019 IEEE-USA President **Tom Coughlin** who's been serving with me as my "Past Director," but I am also enormously thankful to a list of extraordinary leaders who are Past-to-the-nth Power Directors: **Mike Andrews, Ed Perkins, Loretta Arellano, Larry Hamerman, and Dick Doyle.** All of them have taken on multiple key roles where their expertise was needed again and again. They warned me that I was taking on a 6-year commitment – counting the campaign, it is actually a 7-year commitment and I have two more years as Past Director, but I can see this has continued far longer than that for some of these Stars.

My sincere best wishes and congratulations to our incoming 2019 Director,

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today so that you are ready for 2019 and will stay a part of our region efforts and will be there to help keep us advancing technology for humanity.

I am looking forward to their own plans and our future as I say [in the words of Douglas Adams, as quoted by my favorite past Director]...

So long and thanks for all the fish,

Kathleen Kramer

Director, IEEE Region 6, 2017-18

Region Meetings & Events

IEEE Region Meetings are held throughout the year, kicking off with the region-wide meeting in late January/early February. Each spring and fall, our five areas meet with section leadership and student branch leadership to gather and discuss issues that relate to member and student member activities, officer training, networking, sharing ideas, and providing a venue to collect needs and ideas from across the area to make the IEEE experience better than ever. Save the date for your own area meeting coming this spring:

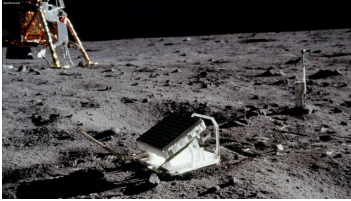
- March 23, 2019 | R6 SO Area - Los Angeles, CA ([View](#))
- March 30, 2019 | R6 NW Area - Portland, OR ([View](#))
- April 6, 2019 | R6 NE Area - Idaho ([View](#))
- April 13, 2019 | R6 SW Area - San Diego, CA ([View](#))
- April 13, 2019 | R6 CE Area - Sacramento, CA ([View](#))



Save the Date: The 2019 OpCom meeting will take place on January 25-27, 2019 in Tempe, Arizona. More information can be found [here](#).

[Register](#) for the OpCom meeting today!

Region News



Recently Approved Region 6 IEEE Milestones

Two new IEEE Historic Milestones were approved recently by the IEEE History Committee: DIALOG Search Engine and the Apollo... [Read More](#)



Celebrating IEEE Spokane's 105th Anniversary

IEEE officers, students, and Region 6 guests from San Diego to Alaska joined IEEE Spokane on October 5-6, 2018 to celebrate the section's 105th Anniversary, in conjunction with the IEEE Region 6... [Read More](#)



UC-Irvine team wins IEEEEXTreme Region 6 top honors

On October 19-20, 41 teams in Region 6 and over 4000 teams worldwide competed in IEEEEXTreme 12.0... [Read More](#)



Call for Volunteers

IEEE sections, chapters, student branches, and even IEEE Region 6 relies on volunteers to make membership great and advance technology for humanity.. [Read More](#)

Conference Highlights

2019 IEEE Rising Stars Conference

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As an IEEE-USA event within IEEE Region 6, IEEE Rising Stars Conference is designed to inform, excite, enthuse, and enlighten the top engineering young professionals and students. [Read More](#)



IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC) 2018

IEEE GHTC 2018 is a world-class flagship conference focused on discussing sustainable development and humanitarian technology-related policy, insight and... [Read More](#)



IEEE SusTech 2018

The 2018 6th IEEE Conference on Technologies for Sustainability ([SusTech 2018](#)) was held on November 11-13, 2018 in Long Beach, CA. SusTech 2018 drew 100 attendees from 21 countries. [Read More](#)



2019 Vision | Innovation Challenges Summit and Honors Ceremony

May 17, 2019 | San Diego, CA

The **IEEE VIC Summit** brings together leading innovators, visionaries, and disruptors in technology to discuss, explore, and uncover what is imminent, what is possible... [Read More](#)



IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Conference

May 23-24, 2019 | Austin, TX

Launched 5 years ago, the IEEE WIE ILC provides professional women in technology,

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2019 IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference

October 17-20, 2019 | Seattle, WA

The IEEE GHTC is an international flagship conference on the application of technology to meet the needs of underserved populations around the world and in support of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG).

Region 6: The Next Generation

Growing Our Student Membership and Activities

We're up 16%. In 2018 IEEE Region 6 Student membership increased from 5,539 total students to 6,438. In addition to forming several new branches and some big gains from our very large student branches, we'd like to celebrate these recovered branches and the section... [Read More](#)

Region 6 = Young Professionals Leadership

Coming in just a few weeks: IEEE Rising Stars in Las Vegas January 4-6, 2019. Young Professionals from across the region are called to participate in a Young Professionals Leadership Workshop that will occur immediately following the conference. The conference + workshop is incredibly valuable for Young Professionals... [Read More](#)

Women in Engineering: IEEE Region 6 Leading in 2019

IEEE Region 6 Women in Engineering (WIE) Coordinator Kathy Herring Hayashi has been leading successful efforts across the region. Check out her video on IEEE.TV: [WIE-ILC Video](#) from Kathy Herring Hayashi. [Read More](#)

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Life Members: Driving Force for Good IEEE

IEEE Life Members are a driving force for IEEE through Life Member Initiatives, such as IEEE Milestones and other history center projects. The Life Member Fund provides significant support for communities across IEEE, particularly K-12 students and IEEE student members. [Read More](#)

Awards and Recognition



Membership News

Congratulations to our Membership Development leaders Ralph Hogan and Abdur Rehman and to the 10 Sections recognized for outstanding recruitment and retention. [Read More](#)



Some Cool Beans from the Director

Thank you for volunteering. IEEE Region 6 has over 1400 volunteers across over its over 300 different organizations. I would particularly like to mention these four for recognition this month, calling them out for notable contributions, well deserving of "Cool Beans". [Read More](#)



Congratulations to all the Region 6 PES Scholars!

Congratulations to the Arizona State University for being the School with the most students selected as IEEE Power and Energy Society (PES) Scholars in 2018! Eight students from Arizona State University were... [Read More](#)

Volunteers: News You Can Use

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Sections with Student Branches: New Relationship, New Reporting

In an effort to strengthen the relationship between Sections and Student Branches there are two main changes:

1. New relationship: Student branches will now be a part of their local section, with a similar status in the section as one of its chapters or affinities... [Read More](#)

IEEE WordPress Hosting Migration

In an effort to increase security and performance, WordPress sites hosted on <http://sites.ieee.org> are being migrated to a more robust server.

If your sites need to be publicly accessible, then you need to opt into the migration effort [here](#). [Read More](#)

vTools Updates

Several improvements have recently been made to several vTools:

- New “@Event” on-site registration feature added to vTools.Events
- New auto-load option for voter list in vTools.voting

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Industry Engagement Resource Guidelines

New guidelines have been created that will help VoLT members improve the way they engage with industry. To view these guidelines, please visit the [IEEE website](#) or contact industry-engage-guide@ieee.org.

Energy and

Vital organizational units (Sections, Chapters,

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Your Section's Vitality

Elisa Barney Smith has been leading efforts to measure and report vitality across the region. The 2018 Section Vitality Survey has been sent to section leaders... [Read More](#)

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