

Region 10 Best Young Professionals Affinity Group Award **(Two Awards)**

Introduction

IEEE Region 10 (R10) places very high priority to assist young professionals in their early career by creating opportunities to network, refine and plan their career goals, and learn soft skills to boost their chance for success. R10 encourages and financially supports Young Professional Affinity Groups in the region to conduct activities beneficial to the members and realize R10 objectives. R10 has launched the Young Professionals Affinity Group awards to motivate and recognize the efforts and achievements of Young Professionals AGs. The award will help Young Professionals AGs in its membership development by member's satisfaction. The award will be conferred for two best Affinity groups who have done quality activities and had secured high member increase and retention.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize the achievements and activities of the two best outstanding Young Professionals Affinity groups in Region 10. This recognition will motivate the winners to do even better and serve as examples for others to follow.

Scope

Based on the merit of each nomination, the R10 Young Professionals Activities Committee will select two winners for the prevailing contest year. If no Young Professionals AG is found to be suitable, no award will be given in that year.

Eligibility

- Only Young professionals Affinity groups in Region 10 are eligible to apply.
- This Affinity group must not have received the same award in the past two years.
- The AG must have done at least four activities for its members and must have held a minimum of three administrative meetings a year and submitted reports on time.
- The AG must have had substantial retention rate and growth in terms of its membership.
- The AG must have done activities in collaboration with Industry or Academia or both.
- They must have done at least one STEP event a year, facilitating transition from the student member to member grade.

Nomination Conditions

- Nominations should come from the Chair of the Young Professionals AG and it should be endorsed by the respective Section Chairperson.
- Nomination form is available at <http://goo.gl/gDPZIZ>.
- The complete nomination document should be sent as pdf before the mentioned deadline backed up by supporting documents (if any).

Basis of Selection

The following points will be considered in the selection:

- Number of activities for Young Professionals members
- The activities of the AG must have positively impacted its members and provided member satisfaction

- Members retention rate and growth in terms of its membership.
- Successful initiatives that facilitated student member transition to Young Professional.
- Collaboration with industry or academia or both.
- Young Professionals Affinity Group Management including administrative meetings, financial record keeping, the succession planning for future and any best practice that can be emulated by other AGs.

Selection Committee

The nominations will be evaluated by an expert team designated by R10 Young Professionals Committee.

Schedule

- Call for Nominations: Mid May
- Nomination Deadline: 31th July
- Evaluation period: August - September
- Recipient Notified: Middle of October

Award Instrument

The winning AGs will each receive an engraved plaque and a cash prize of USD 250.

Presentation

The awards will be presented during the R10 SYWG Congress if scheduled for the year, with winners attending on self-funding basis. Otherwise, the awards will be handed over to the respective Section Chair during the R10 Annual meet for presentation to the winner during an appropriate local event.

Record

The IEEE R10 Young Professionals Activities Coordinator notifies the result of selection by e-mail to the R10 Sections, on the R10 Website and in the R10 Newsletter. The IEEE R10 ARC Coordinator also maintains a record of award recipients along with a short description of their citation on the R10 website.

Submit all nomination forms to:

- IEEE Asia-Pacific Limited Office (ieeepo@pacific.net.sg)
- Cc. to R10 Young Professional Activities Coordinator (Contact details available on the R10 website and as announced in the call for nominations)
- Cc. to R10 Awards & Recognition Coordinator (Contact details available on the R10 website and as announced in the call for nominations)

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