

Section 4: Finance

1. Region 10 Accounts

1.1 Concentration Bank

This is the main account that maintains all allocations from the Headquarters in US and all expenditure of Region 10. It earns a daily interest. The interest rates will fluctuate every month.

More information on Concentration Bank can be found at

<https://www.ieee.org/membership/services/financial/treasury/concentration.html>

1.2 Assessment Account

This account maintains all membership fees received.

1.3 Cash on Hand

Since 2018, treasurer no longer handles cash on hand.

2. Region 10 Funds

2.1 Regional Allocation

The Member and Geographic Activities Board (MGA Board) would allocate a budget to the Region twice a year, normally in March and September of the year. This allocation is deposited in the Concentration Bank Account.

2.2 Regional Assessment

Every member except for student in Region 10 pays \$5.00 when he/she pays a membership due. The sum in each month is deposited in the Assessment Account.

2.3 Region 10 Student/YP/WIE Congress Budget

The Region 10 Student/YP/WIE Congress is generally held once in every 2 years. The Region would usually allocate about **\$20,000** every year for the congress. Incomes owing to the e-Notice blasting are also used to support the Congress.

In general, **\$10,000** is used for the support of the Congress organizer, while the rest is used for delegates travel/registration support.

2.4 Section Congress Budget

The IEEE Section Congress is held once every 3 years. The HQ would allocate a sum of money to the Region to subsidize ExCom Members and the primary delegate from each section to attend the congress. Besides the funds from the HQ, the Region would usually set aside about **\$80,000** every year for the forthcoming Section Congress.

Announcement will usually be made to the Sections several months before the Congress. Normally, the Region bears a certain portion of primary delegates' total travel expenses. The Sections would then pay the balance. The Region may also support participation of secondary delegates of the Sections.

2.5 Region 10 Reserve

The aim of the Region 10 Reserve is to meet any unforeseeable expenses in the course of organizing IEEE events, e.g. cancellation of the R10 Conference in case of bad weather, lawsuits, etc. It is designed to support and give a strong financial backup to IEEE volunteers. The Reserve should only be used with the approval in the R10 Committee Meeting.

The reserve would be kept to 50% of the Region 10 annual expenditure, currently total **US\$200,000**. General R10 funds should be saved in each year to maintain the R10 Reserve if the fund is being used.

3. Role & Responsibility of the Treasurer

The Region's finances are primarily under the management of the Treasurer.

3.1 Budget Preparation

An annual budget of expected income and expenditures shall be prepared by the Treasurer, for the forthcoming year, with the assistance of Region 10 Executive Committee and approved by the Director. It shall be presented at the Region 10 Annual Meet.

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

3.2 Fund Maintenance

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, deposition and recording of all monies in the name of the Region.

The Treasurer is authorized to disburse the funds. In any event of uncertain expenses, disbursement shall only be made when the Region 10 Director's approval has been sought. The Treasurer shall make only such disbursements as approved by the Region 10 Executive Committee members.

All disbursement shall be in line with IEEE policy. For travel expenses, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- i. Return air ticket, limited to the MOST ECONOMICAL MEANS (Discount Economy fare ticket) to the designated country. Original receipt (i.e., proof of payment, not pure invoice or quote) of the airfare must be obtained and attached to the Expense Report.
- ii. Hotel room charges, maximum of meeting proper plus 1 night.
- iii. Airport tax, visa fee, bank transfer fee (if applicable).
- iv. Home / Airport transportation and other transportation related to the Meeting between meeting dates, limited to the MOST ECONOMICAL MEANS.
- v. Meals taken between meeting dates.
- vi. Bank information (i.e., bank name, bank address/branch information, bank account#, bank swift code, name on the account), if the disbursement is the first time or bank account is recently changed.
- vii. Other miscellaneous reimbursement is only limited to the actual related expenses arising from the Meeting and subject to the approval by the Director.

Statements of accounts (Concentration Account and Assessment Account) will be available (via post/online report and email) to the Treasurer monthly. He shall reconcile all receipts and payments recorded in the Region 10 books with the monthly statements to make sure that the funds are well maintained.

3.3 Financial Records and Reports

As mentioned, the Treasurer is responsible to keep proper records of all incoming and outgoing funds in the name of the Region. In Region 10, records are maintained in Excel Spreadsheet.

With these records, the Balance Sheet will be prepared at the end of the year. The Balance Sheet will show the financial status of Region as well as to compare the Actual Income & Expenditure with the Budgeted figures.

It is the requirement by the IEEE headquarters for Regions to submit an Annual Financial Report via NetSuite to report on the year's activity. Instruction manuals and the form templates are available in the website:
<https://mga.ieee.org/resources-operations/geographic-unit/reporting-rebates/financial>

3.4 Keeping of Records

It shall be noted that all financial records should be kept for a minimum of 7 years.

4. Handing Over Procedures

Towards the end of the 2-year term, the Treasurer shall brief the next Treasurer would-be expected roles and responsibilities of being the Region's Treasurer. He/she will hand over the financial report of the year to the new Treasurer and inform him/her all outstanding issues so that follow-up can be done.