

IEEE Western Australia Section

2013 Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

The IEEE Western Australia Section has 841 active members as at December, 2013. The Section together with its seven Technical Society Chapters, one National Joint Chapter, one Affinity Group and three Student Branches have strived to serve the local members. The section has continued to improve our relationship with the community, industries, universities and other learned societies. This report summarized the activities, technical and professional seminars and workshops organized for the local members and non-members in 2013.

2013 OFFICE BEARERS

Below is the list of 2013 office bearers:

<i>Chair</i>	Lance Fung
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Adam Osseiran
<i>Secretary</i>	Ferdous Sohel
<i>Treasurer</i>	Cesar Ortega-Sanchez
<i>Past Chair</i>	Kevin Wong
<i>Membership Development</i>	Douglas Chai
<i>Joint Technical Program</i>	Harry McDonald
<i>Industry Liaison</i>	Adam Osseiran
<i>Awards & Recognition</i>	Mohammad A Masoum
<i>E-Notice</i>	Wigrai
	Thanadechteemapat /
	Jamie Tang
<i>Web Master</i>	Kevin Wong
<i>Student Activities</i>	Valerie Maxville
<i>Education Activities</i>	Younes Bahar-Arjmand
<i>Section Committee Member</i>	Narottam Kumar Das
<i>Chapter Chair,</i>	Graeme Thomas
<i>Computational Intelligence Society</i>	
<i>Chapter Chair,</i>	Valerie Maxville
<i>Computer Society</i>	
<i>Chapter Chair,</i>	King Sun Chan
<i>Communications Society</i>	
<i>Chapter Chair,</i>	Lance Fung
<i>Systems, Man and Cybernetics Society</i>	
<i>Chapter Chair,</i>	Mohammad A Masoum
<i>Joint Power and Energy Society and Power Electronic Society</i>	
<i>Chapter Chair,</i>	Douglas Chai
<i>Signal Processing Society</i>	
<i>Chapter Chair,</i>	Adam Osseiran
<i>Joint Electron Devices / Solid-State Circuits /</i>	
<i>Photonics (ESP) Societies</i>	

*Chapter Committee,
National Joint SSIT Society*

Valerie Maxville

*Affinity Group Chair,
Young Professionals (GOLD)*

Noel Gomes
(Acting from Jun 2013)

*Student Branch Chair,
University of Western Australia*

Katherine Nguyen
Sarah-Ann Fry
Weiyand Xu

*Student Branch Chair,
Curtin University*

*Student Branch Chair,
Murdoch University*

Mehrnaz Akbari Roumani

SB Chapter Chair

Jamie Tang

MUSB SMC SB Chapter

FINANCE

The WA Section remains in a good financial health. The following financial figures were reported in the 2013 annual L50 report:

CB Account	USD 8,564.75
Saving Account	AUD 22,434.52
Investment Account	AUD 50,952.10

MEMBERSHIP

The active IEEE membership in Western Australia as at October 2012 was 806. The composition in term of membership grade and the comparison against the same time last year are presented in the following table:

Table 1: IEEE membership in Western Australia.

Grade	Active Members
LF	2
F	3
LS	1
SM	67
LM	6
M	592
AM	8
GSM	73
StM	89
Grand Total	841

SECTION ACTIVITIES

The Section held 6 administrative meetings in 2013 including the annual AGM. The following table lists the activities.

Table 2: Section administrative meetings in 2013

05 Jan 2013	Section Planning Meeting #1
18 Feb 2013	Section Committee Meeting #2
24 Apr 2013	Section Committee Meeting #3
10 Jul 2013	Section Committee Meeting #4
11 Sep 2013	Section Committee Meeting #5
20 Nov 2013	2013 Annual General Meeting

CHAPTERS ACTIVITIES

The following Table summarizes their activities in 2012.

CIS11	3 administrative meetings (02/05, 25/07, 26/09) 2 technical meetings (11/09, 04/10)
C16	1 technical meeting (20/05)
COM19	2 technical meetings (03/09, 17/12)
ED15/SSC37/PHO36	3 technical meetings (14/03, 24/04, 12/12)
SMC28	1 planning meeting (29/01) 2 technical meetings (21/06, 26/09) 1 professional meetings
PE31/PEL35	6 administrative meetings (30/01, 14/03, 01/05, 22/05, 31/07, 09/10) 1 technical meeting (06/11)
JEEP (with EA and IET)	9 technical meetings (13/02, 10/03, 10/04, 08/05, 12/06, 10/07, 14/08, 11/09, 09/10)

AFFINITY GROUPS AND STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

The GOLD affinity group has been reactivated with a new incoming Acting Chair. In total five activities have been organised (09/04, 05/06, 14/08, 15/10, 02/12) which included presentation, Sundowner, and AGM. It is expected that the group will continue to be active and had organized several events for their members in 2012.

On the other hand, the University of Western Australia student branch, Curtin University Student Branch and the Murdoch University student branch have continued active in serving the student members throughout 2013. In particular, they held a joint technical function with invitation to industry, academics and students with over a hundred participants.

SECTION WEBSITE

The Western Australia Section website is located at http://ewh.ieee.org/r10/w_australia/

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The Section and the joint PES/PELS chapter have continued to sponsor four separate undergraduate student prize awards in the four local universities, namely:

- Curtin University of Technology
- Edith Cowan University
- Murdoch University
- University of Western Australia

The Section also sponsored a Workshop on “Smart Grids and Power Supply for Remote Operation” at the University of Western Australia with support from domestic and international as well as industries on 6th November, 2013.

GOALS FOR 2014

The goals for 2014 are:

- To increase activities from technical chapters and affinity groups
- To improve communications with members and membership development
- To explore and improve services to members
- To recognize members, volunteers and friends of WA Section
- To promote IEEE brand among the community including schools and technical colleges.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I would like to thank all the volunteers and members of the committees in the Section, Chapters, Affinity Groups and Student for their valuable services to the IEEE and local community. I congratulate them for their commitment and hard work. I also thank the friends and supporters of IEEE for their support, commitment and contributions.

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