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**Sections Congress 2024-2026 Planning**  
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# Introduction

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- Welcome to Sections Congress 2023!
- Goals of Sections Congress:
  - ✓ Learn new activities to bring back to your section
  - ✓ Network! Connect with subject matter experts
  - ✓ Give back to your professional community
  - ✓ Mobilize your members
  - ✓ Take action when you return home
  - ✓ Collaborate across Geographic and Organizational Units



# Road to Sections Congress Background

- The Sections Congress Strategic Path Ad Hoc Committee was formed by the MGA VP and MGA VP Elect September 2020
- The Ad Hoc was chartered to strategically review the future direction of Sections Congress with a specific focus on ***finances, expanded training opportunities, derived benefits, structure of the face to face congress or other delivery modes, coordination of Region meetings, and the recommendation process***
- The MGA Board approved the Ad Hoc's proposed 3-year plan to begin in 2024 (year 1), 2025 (year 2), 2026 (year 3) in-person and the MGA Operations Manual was updated
  - ✓ The in-person event will have limited attendees to enable informed discussions and development of executable action plans. Estimated attendance to be around 600 delegates
- Sections Congress 2024-2026 Chair was appointed in 2022 November, Sections Congress 2024-2026 Program Chair will be appointed in 2023 November, additional Committee Members to be appointed by the SC Chair and Program Chair no later than 2024 February

➔ MGA leadership and staff have spent considerable time in 2023 detailing the logistics and planning for the currently approved Road to Sections Congress and it has become evident that the current plan needs revisions to:

- ✓ Minimize staff and volunteer time
- ✓ Allow ample time for planning to ensure successful execution
- ✓ Reduce the overall Sections Congress spend

# Current and Proposed Road to Sections Congress

## Current (3 years of events):



### 2024:

- Virtual event
- SC topics/activities inserted into the region meetings

### 2025:

- Virtual event
- SC topics/activities inserted into the region meetings

### 2026:

- In person event
- SC topics/activities inserted into the region meetings

## Proposed (removes 1 year of events):



### 2024:

- Committee appointed and has full year of planning for 2025/2026
- SC topics/activities inserted into the region meetings (follow up on in-person congress/recommendations and socialize new SC plan/model)

### 2025:

- Virtual event
- SC topics/activities inserted into the region meetings

### 2026:

- In person event
- SC topics/activities inserted into the region meetings

# Attendance at Future Sections Congress Events

## 2026 In-Person Event Attendance

Section Chair/Chair Elect	375
Region DEs	10
MGA Board	21
MGA Committee Chairs/Liaisons	20
Region Coordinators	10
MGA Staff/IEEE Staff	40
Sections Congress Committee	14
OU leader participants (not including speakers)	25
Speakers	40
Maximum additional participants from Regions/Sections	20
Total	575 + 25 misc = 600



- 2024:**
- Planning – no events
- 2025:**
- Virtual event – open to all IEEE volunteers
  - SC Committee to identify topics to provide to the Regions to incorporate into their yearly meetings
- 2026:**
- In person event – limited as shown to ~600 people
  - SC Committee to identify topics to provide to the Regions to incorporate into their yearly meetings, focus on final preparations and logistics for the in-person event

# Hybrid Region and Primary Delegate Meetings at Sections Congress 2029 and Beyond

- Meeting space to be made available for all 10 Regions to conduct meetings on Friday afternoon just before the opening ceremony:
  - ✓ Offering one date/time slot extends the ability to streamline travel planning and expenses covered by MGA
  - ✓ Can advertise as part of Sections Congress (not as an add on to the Congress)
  - ✓ This could mitigate the Regions paying additional nights
  - ✓ Individuals not attending the SC (as identified on the estimated attendance grid) can join the Region sessions virtually

# Location and Area Selection

MGA Current approved process (example for 2029 location):

February	2026	Board discussion on which area (R1-7, 9 and R8, 10)
June	2026	Board approval of area
November	2026	MCE presents top locations within the selected area  Board approval of location
June	2027	Contracts completed, venue announced

# Benefits of Proposed Road to Sections Congress

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- Eases staff and volunteer load
- Allows ample time for planning
- Reduces the budget by eliminating 1 virtual event



# Thank You Sections Congress 2023 Steering Committee!

