

# Conferences Report

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## Region 2 Board

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# Issues

- Getting Sections involved in Society/Council Conferences in R2
- Initiating Symposia/Conferences in R2
- Conducting Mini-POCO within R2

# R2 involvement in Society/Council Conferences

- Notification for all S/C conferences held in R2 goes to the Section Chair upon filing of the Conference Information Form – usually about 12-16 months out
- Section Chairs should immediately contact Conference Chair and offer advance and onsite assistance
  - Arrangements, meal planning, tech prog cmte, session/track chairs, etc
- Request small share in conference, typically 10, 20, or 25%

# Initiating Symposia/Conferences in R2

- Geographic areas often tend to have centers of technology-
  - E.g. Baltimore-Washington = Defense
- Use our Chapters to help coalesce a technical focus
- Initiate Symposia/Conferences on the “hot topics” within technical focus

# Mini-POCO (Panel of Conference Organizers) for R2

- Request made to IEEE Conference Services to establish mini-POCO starting in R2
- IEEE Concerned that too much Region content could harm the primary POCO
  - But allowed that concept could be viable
- RCR asked by ConfSvcs to develop plan for Mini-POCO and present at Conference Committee meeting in June