

Region 2 Graduate Of the Last Decade (**GOLD**)



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Welcome to IEEE GOLD



IEEE Graduate Of the Last Decade (GOLD)

- IEEE understands the needs of recent graduates and young professionals. The idea in establishing the missing bridge to facilitate students to become world class professionals was first mooted in Section Congress 1996. As a result, Graduate Of the Last Decade (GOLD) affinity groups were launched in various Sections as pilot project to evaluate its feasibility. The feedback was positive and since then, more Sections started their own GOLD affinity groups to meet needs of the target audience, which comprises of graduates from within 10 years of their first professional degree.
- **What is GOLD?**
 - GOLD = Graduates Of the Last Decade
 - Affinity group that hosts social functions and teams up with technical societies to host events
- **What is the purpose of GOLD?**
 - GOLD's mission and objective is to assist young professionals to transition from a student to a professional. IEEE members who are GOLD members also retain a GOLD member status for 10 years after graduation

Role of GOLD Regional Coordinator

- Act as a liaison between the Region and the GOLD Committee
- Participate in GOLD Committee meetings and report to the Region Director at regional meetings on GOLD status and activities
- Inform GOLD Committee of local activities that might be of interest to the GOLD membership.
- To help bridge the transition of Student members to Section members and encourage recent graduates to stay IEEE member.
- **Facilitate the establishment of local IEEE GOLD Affinity Groups within a Section and/or Society, including student branches, in the regional area.**
- Support the establishment of GOLD Groups helping identify volunteers and training them.
- **Maintain an advisory relationship with the local GOLD Affinity Group and provide guidance such as, new initiatives or assistance in the procurement of funds for activities that support the objectives of MGA.**
- Provide support and guarantee that the GOLD Groups in the Region maintain a good level of activity.
- Help to Increase the participation of college students within IEEE,
- Gather information of status of IEEE student members in the Region and disseminate it.



Funding Available to **GOLD** Affinity Groups by **GOLD**

- Newly established GOLD AGs and SBAGs are eligible to request up to \$200 US in start up funding.
- Established GOLD Affinity Groups are eligible to request up to \$300 US for special projects.
 - Must be submitted at least 3 months prior to the activity.
 - GOLDC will review the request at their next scheduled meeting.
 - The GOLD Affinity Group will be advised if the request has been approved.
 - The GOLDC may consider funding beyond \$300US if a project is considered especially valuable to the GOLD mission.
 - If a report is not received for special funding, future funding will not be approved.

Funding forms can be found at

http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/gold/index.html



What is STEP?



- Standardized yet localized program
- Facilitate the transition from student member to young professional, by introducing the opportunities and benefits of IEEE membership during the onset of a career
- This IEEE Member and Geographical Activities program will help you graduate and gain professional development!

Region 2 IEEE GOLD Affinity Groups

Section	GOLD Affinity Group	GOLD Affinity Group Chair
Akron		n/a
Baltimore	Baltimore GOLD	Position Available
Central Pennsylvania		n/a
Cincinnati		n/a
Cleveland		n/a
Columbus	Columbus GOLD	Mohammed Abdul Javvad Qasimi
Dayton		n/a
Delaware Bay		n/a
Erie		n/a
Johnstown	Johnstown GOLD	Thomas A Bennett
Lehigh Valley		n/a
Lima		n/a
Northern Virginia	Northern Virginia GOLD	Mithun Banerjee
Philadelphia	Philadelphia GOLD	Position Available
Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh GOLD	Jason A Harchick
Southern New Jersey	Southern New Jersey GOLD	Jennifer M Ross
Susquehanna		n/a
Washington	Washington GOLD	Christopher R Magnan
West Virginia		n/a

2012/13 **GOLD** Activities in Region 2

Technical Presentations & Events

Technical Society Meetings – Multiple
Robot Challenge 2013

April 6th & 7th (www.robotchallenge.com)

Gold/WIE Picnic

TBD

Improving Routing Security in the public Internet

April 9th

IEEE Day – NEM Museum Tour

TBD

IEEE USA Section's Congress support

March 15th

Signal Processing Society

April 3rd

Direct-Write Techniques for 3D Assembly of Nanostructures (WIE & GOLD)

March 30th

Please read our monthly e-newsletter “WATTS NEW” for the latest listing of local meetings and events:

Emailed monthly to all section members

Also available on our website – See “Newsletter” link

<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r2/baltimore/WattsNew/IndexWattsNew.html>



Region 2 **GOLD** Initiatives

- Grow and develop Region 2 GOLD Clustering Program
- Akron, Central Pennsylvania, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, and Delaware Bay to enhance interaction among GOLD Affinity Groups
- Engagement and collaboration with Students, WIE, Sections and Societies
- New Region 2 website under development– better connect IEEE GOLD members, volunteers and other
- Region 2 GOLD Award
- Region 2 GOLD Affinity Group Award
- IEEE MGA GOLD Affinity Group Hall of Fame Award



Questions and contact details

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Thank You!

