



# Young Professional Report – Spring 2019

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## Outline

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# Recap of 2018

- ▶ Attended TAB YP F2F in Feb
- ▶ Attended YP F2F in May
- ▶ Ran YP Event at SysCon 2018
- ▶ Ran YP Event at ISSE 2018
- ▶ Ran TAB YP Telecons
- ▶ Presented to TAB



# This Year: IEEE Young Professionals Global Task Force

- ▶ The IEEE YP Group reports to the BoD
- ▶ Has representation from MGA and TAB
- ▶ Diverse group
- ▶ Develops business plan for YP
- ▶ Manages the Funding Portal for YP events
- ▶ Promotes marketing for YP
- ▶ Works with BoD on new initiatives involving YPs



# IEEE YP Taskforce Meeting – Paris

- ▶ 3-day meeting
- ▶ Discussed current business plan progress
  - $\mu$ Voltuneering pilot progress
  - Loyalty program
  - Funding events
- ▶ Discuss new goals for the upcoming business plan
- ▶ Worked on revamping the YP website
- ▶ Worked on revamping the funding portal application process
- ▶ Worked on marketing, outreach, etc.



# IEEE Young Professionals Business Plan Projects



## - IEEE Xplore YP Access

- Leverage an existing IEEE service to provide IEEE Young Professional members with the technical content



## - μVolunteering

- Introduce a platform that allows IEEE Young Professional members to create and find flexible micro-volunteering opportunities



## - Loyalty program

- Improve members and volunteers' experience and the feeling of belonging to the organization
- Increase members engagement, recognize and track local volunteer efforts on every level



## - Signature & Meet Up Events

- Support presence at high-profile events to expand global IEEE Young Professionals community
- Attract industry practitioners and increase inter-unit engagement



## - Seed/Local Activity funding

- Provide support for local events to increase local volunteers engagement
- Build ecosystem needed to create fully sustainable YP Affinity Groups



# What is $\mu$ Volunteering?



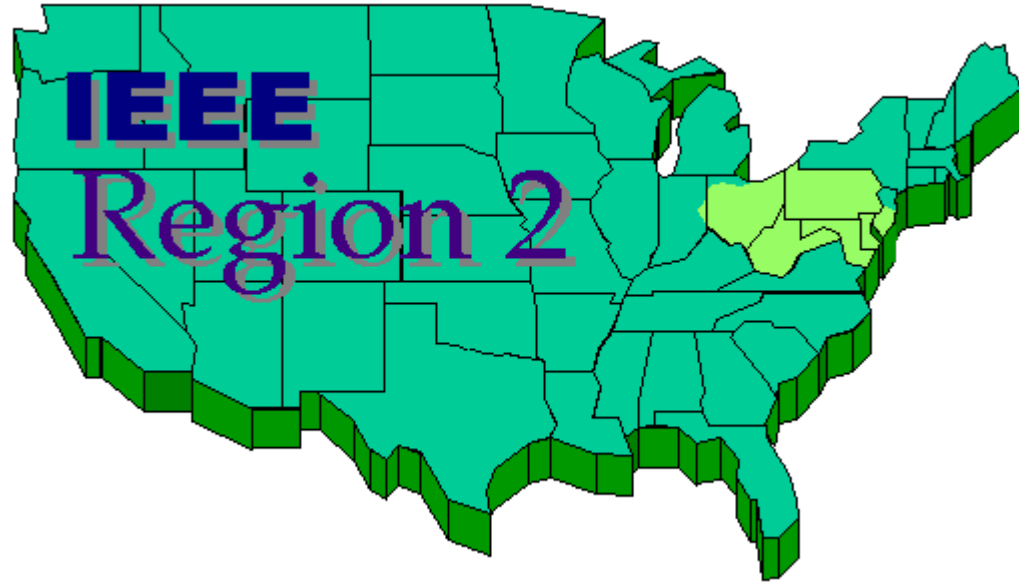
**Volunteer!**



- ▶ Idea: volunteering within IEEE should be more flexible and adaptable to today's busy lives
- ▶ Making long commitments isn't possible for some people
- ▶  $\mu$ V aims to increase the visibility of short-term or intermittent volunteering
- ▶ Currently in a testing phase
  - Wraps up in June 2019
- ▶ Limited to select number of OUs
  - Communications Society
  - Computer Society
- ▶ Will make recommendation to BoD on how to proceed

## What else have I been doing?

- ▶ Attended TAB YP Telecon
- ▶ Assisted in updating the J-MASS website
- ▶ Continue to work on funding portal and YP website
- ▶ Became treasurer of Southern New Jersey Section (Region 2)
- ▶ Ran YP event at SysCon 2019





## YP Q/A at SysCon 2019

- ▶ Had about 18 YPs attend the event
- ▶ 3 people from industry on the panel
- ▶ Very good conversations between the panel and YPs
- ▶ Got good feedback from attendees afterwards



**SYSCON 2019**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual IEEE International Systems Conference

**April 8–11, 2019**

Hyatt Grand Cypress Hotel

**Orlando, Florida, USA**

## How can the IEEE Systems Council help?

- ▶ Continued support for YP events
- ▶ Support for the YP Rep to continue to attend the yearly TAB YP F2F summit
- ▶ Support for the YP Rep to go to IEEE YP F2F Conference
- ▶ Let me know how I can help your society's YP



# Questions?

