



# Region 2 Report

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# Chapter Coordination - Background

- ▶ Region 2 had an Outstanding Meeting Program (ROMP) from 2013
  - Included a speaker list
  - Region would pay travel expenses for the speakers
  - <https://r2.ieee.org/romp/>
- ▶ In IEEE you find Distinguished lecturer Programs for many Societies:
  - Communications Society, Photonics Society, Power & Energy Society, Control Systems Society, Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society, Signal Process Society, Vehicular Technology Society, Education Society, Antennas & Propagation Society, Instrumentation & Measurement Society, Geoscience & remote Sensing Society, Circuits & Systems, Industry Applications, electron Devices, Robotics & Automation, Computer Society, Solid state Circuits, to name a few
- ▶ ROMP was at a regional level and Distinguished Lecturer (DL) is at the IEEE Society level
- ▶ **QUESTION: HOW can we change/mold ROMP to work for the Societies?**

# Chapter Collaboration – Why?

## ▶ WHY do this?

- Provides more efficient reach to relevant speakers for R2 Areas and Sections
- Gives the ability to more easily design cross-disciplinary events to bolster collaboration and engagement
- It creates awareness, better branding
- Builds a stronger IEEE community fabric
- Engages cross-section/area/region and enhances communication
- Better harnessing technology through innovation
- Because Wolfram said.....



# Chapter Coordination – Tackle it

- ▶ Ideas on how to tackle this initiative:
  1. Find best practices
  2. Survey existing ROMP / DL programs within IEEE (possibly outside of IEEE)
  3. Make recommendations to leadership
    - At what level of the organization should this initiative live at?
    - What is out there that Region 2 can use as leverage?
    - Are there processes that need to be put into place?
    - Are there technologies that might be applicable to the effort?
    - How could you measure if this is successful or not?
    - How do you sustain the initiative over the years?

# Chapter Collaboration – Next Steps

- ▶ Looking for input from YOU the team members of Region 2
- ▶ Ideas? Suggestions?
- ▶ Contacts in Regions that you know of which have initiatives like this that work (or don't work)?
  
- ▶ Please email all inputs to [bfrantom@ieee.org](mailto:bfrantom@ieee.org)
- ▶ Would Like ANY suggestions/inputs you have by 6/3/19.
  
- ▶ Hope you have a great meeting!