

## IEEE IMS Chapter best practices

- Report to the Society at least once per year.
- Networking (you know it is effective when: members do business together, student members find thesis or internship opportunities at members' companies, members get together to prepare contributions for the IMS Magazine, members get collaboration agreements with local industries, etc.).
- Be agile and capable for developing, self-organizing and “growing up”.
- Hold regular membership upgrade drives (for example, two per year). The specific number of drives held annually can be adjusted per the needs of the members.
- Support membership throughout the Section’s geographic area through coordinated actions of subchapters. This will help keep members who are geographically close to each other connected and engaged.
- Ensure a stable link with IMS and invite DLs regularly (annually at minimum).
- Combine conferences and workshops with Chapter technical meetings, extending the reachable audience.
- Take permanent care of nearby IEEE Student Branches, providing counselors and possibly financial support for them.
- Advertise the advantage of IEEE Student membership during student enrollment for universities.
- Help existing Student Branches to create Student Branch Chapters of IMS and provide appropriate advisors.
- Organize summer schools for MS and PhD Students.
- Organize student competitions and awards for the high-school and college level.
- Organize and support Technical Committee meetings.
- Aim to have an adequate number of members in order to have a large enough group to carry out some of the suggested activities above (for example, it is difficult to be regularly active with the IEEE minimum of 12 members).