

2026 ComSoc Regional Chapter Achievement Award (RCAA) and Chapter-of-the-Year Award (CoYA) Programs

Please be advised that the guidelines for the ComSoc Chapter Awards Program are being revised, and will be effective for the **2026 application process**. ComSoc will provide more information to volunteer Chapter leaders, including an overview webinar and announcements throughout the year. Please consider the *proposed* revised criteria below when planning your current activities, and considering your preparation for next year's chapter awards applications.

PROPOSED:

Program Objectives

In order to recognize and reward the outstanding achievements of its best local chapters, ComSoc has established the Chapter Achievement Award Program: four Regional Chapter Achievement Awards (RCAA), and one Chapter-of-the-Year Award (CoYA).

Award Descriptions

The RCAA consists of a \$1000 honorarium and a plaque acknowledging the outstanding performance of the chapter in a particular region.

The CoYA consists of an additional \$1000 honorarium and a plaque acknowledging the overall superior performance of the highest-ranking chapter. The chair (or representative) of this chapter shall be invited to attend and be honored and recognized at the ComSoc Awards Luncheon at IEEE GLOBECOM (7-11 December 2026 in Macao, China).

The criteria used to qualify every proposal with well documented activities is as follows:

Activity #	Criteria	Points
1.	IEEE reports compliance: Turned in all IEEE reports on time required.	Required
2.	Written report: Sent a written report of all the activities and achievements with photos to be published by ComSoc through GCN and other media required.	Required
3.	Increase of local membership: It is measured as a positive point per every percentage point variation YoY (December 31 st), up to 15 points (rounded to its near integer). Chapters must provide and show verification of these data via reports from OU Analytics.	up to 15 points
4	Hold at least 3 technical meetings.	1 point per activity, up to 6 points.
5.	Hold educational activities.	1 point per activity, up to 6 points.
6.	Public relations activity.	1 point per activity, up to 5 points.

7.	Hold at least 1 student activity meeting.	1 point per activity, up to 6 points.
8.	Hold Pre-University STEM activities.	2 point per activity, up to 8 points
9.	Hold Humanitarian and environmental sustainability activities.	3 points per activity, up to 6 points.
10.	Joint activities with industry.	1 point per activity, up to 6 points.
11.	Organized full or half day seminar, symposium or conferences.	2 points per activity, up to 6 points
12.	One point per 2 officers in place/reported.	up to 4 points.
13.	Membership Upgrade to Senior & Fellow:	1 positive point per every 5 percentage points variation YoY (December 31 st), up to 6 points.
14.	Participated in a DLT/DSP.	1 point per activity, up to 6 points.
15.	Participated in a vDL.	1 point per activity, up to 5 points
16.	Others: This item is open for every Chapter to mention any other activities or achievements not covered by the previous items and that should be taken into account to get the award.	Each activity can receive 1 point, up to 15 points.