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Introduction

- Generally, Panama Section’s Chapters are run and managed by a single person.
- Communications Chapter was founded in October 1998
- We were the first chapter to use the Board of Directors figure.
Working in the Chapter

• We have organized technical activities, DLT’s, administrative meetings and social meetings as well.

• We work as a team and we have made several achievements within our Section; and being a small team has not handicapped ourselves to fulfill our objectives.
Working with the Section

• From the beginning, this has been a joint effort with Panama Section.
• We have found support in the use of Section’s physical installations, resources, and both financial and logistic support as well.
• Our Chapter supports the Section in membership promotions and activity planning.
Working with Student Branches

• We have been in close contact and working together with Student Branches.
• We have supported Branches with speakers from within our Chapter for their technical activities.
• We have supported Branches in both the coordination and organization of activities.
• We have made joint events to promote new memberships to both the IEEE and COMSOC.
Working with COMSOC

- We keep constant communication via e-mail with offices in New York and the Chapter Support Office in Piscataway.
- We have received logistic support (leaflets, forms, etc.) and support in coordinating conferences and tutorials.
- We have received financial support for project development.
We have participated in several COMSOC programs, such as:
- Incentives through the *New Member Financial Incentive for Chapters*.
- Funding through the *Yearly Chapter Questionnaire*.
- Distinguished Lecturer’s Tour (DLT’s).
- Free Monthly Publications
- Webspace in COMSOC server for our chapter’s website.
Working with Local Companies

- We have direct contact with all major telecommunication companies in our country.
- We have received financial support from these companies.
- Companies support us in organizing technical events with experienced professionals.
- We have received help from companies like Bellsouth of Panama, MCI Worldcom, Ericsson, C-Comunica and others.
**International Meetings Attendance**

- We have participated in many international events held by the Society and the IEEE.
- This has been possible with the support from our Section and COMSOC, as a direct result of our Chapter work.
- This has resulted in an improvement in the coordination of events and direct benefits to our membership.
The Future

• We will continue working as we have done so far to keep our place in Panama Section and COMSOC.

• Prototype plan to develop research and application projects in Communications. These will be oriented towards education (high school and Universities) and the community (aimed to fill their needs). These would be accomplished with sponsorship from private companies, from our Section, Chapter and COMSOC.
The Future
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• Holding an annual technical paper contest, which would comprise the entire country. It will require the support from local companies.
Conclusions

• Our Chapter has been working pretty well these three years, mainly because of teamwork, periodical meetings of the Board and the compromise acquired by the Board of Directors in their duties.

• Communication and working together with our Section, Branches, COMSOC and local companies is necessary to succeed in the management of the Chapter and to develop new membership.