



## IEEE Sections Congress 2008 Recommendation Response form

<b>Please complete the form below</b>
<b>1. IEEE Sections Congress Recommendation #9</b>
Provide support and tools for the creation and maintenance of easy to update Section web sites with "single sign-on" authentication via IEEE web accounts featuring at least blogs, meeting calendars and member surveys. Use commonly available, best practice technologies not requiring programmer support for day to day use. (IT Operations)
<b>2. Provide a project description or statement of the work being conducted in support of this recommendation.</b>
The recommendation describes the vTools project, a volunteer-driven software development initiative. vTools is already deploying a subset of the recommended capabilities, with the rest in development. A meetings calendaring and planning tool is available for use, including training and training packages. The "Web-In-A-Box" capability, which easily creates standard section web pages with common useful services, is being tested by a successively larger group of volunteer sections (currently 13). Several open-source packages for blogging have been recently evaluated for inclusion in vTools. A financial management package has been designed and is awaiting resources for implementation. A section "Dashboard" has been prototyped. Additional capabilities are in the concept design phase.
<b>3. Next Milestone or expected completion date of this recommendation.</b>
15 May 2009 decision on blogging solution, with implementation complete by 30 September. 31 May 2009, next release of meetings tool. Web-In-A-Box to be available in production by 15 October 2009.
<b>4. What outcomes do you expect, what are the potential impacts on IEEE and what metrics can be used to measure success?</b>
Enhanced section, chapter, and affinity group (SCAs) operations resulting from more effective and efficient administration and communication among volunteer leaders. Simpler, more efficient execution of SCA volunteer leader responsibilities. More consistent communication provided to members by SCAs.
<b>5. Please provide any additional information that will be helpful in providing an update on this recommendation.</b>
Those interested in participating in the testing program or making other contributions to the vTools effort should write <a href="mailto:Y.Khusid@ieee.org">Y.Khusid@ieee.org</a> .
<b>6. Submitted by and Date</b>
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