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## TAB leadership from Region 1

TAB leadership residing in Region 1 should be considered a resource that could be called upon if needed and appropriate. I identify that leadership – and could help link to them. In many years, there are regrettably few TAB leaders residing in Region 1. However, in 2018, there were a significant number.

### Society Presidents from R1

In 2018, there are five IEEE Society and/or Council Presidents from Region 1. They are:

1. Fernando J Guarin – President, IEEE Electron Devices Society
   * Millbrook NY 12545-6042
2. Elza Erkip – President, IEEE Information Theory Society
   * Brooklyn NY
3. Stephanie M White – President, IEEE Systems Council
   * Greenvale NY
4. Edward Tunstel – President, Systems, Man and Cybernetics Society
   * East Hartford CT
5. Alexander Wyglinski – President, IEEE Vehicular Technology Society
   * West Boylston MA

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### OTHER TAB LEADERS FROM R1

In addition, in 2018, there are three other IEEE leaders from Region 1 that had seats on TAB. They are:

1. Manfred “Fred” Schindler – Chair, IEEE Conference Committee (and member MTT-S)
   1. Newtonville MA
2. Peter B. Luh - Chair, TAB Periodicals Committee
   1. Storrs Mansfield CT
3. Sheila Hemami – Chair, TAB/PSPB Products & Services
   * Boston MA

## As TAB representative to the IEEE Collabratec Steering Committee

In 2013, leadership from MGA, TAB and PSPB jointly decided to pursue a single professional social networking platform for the IEEE – rather than pursue OU-specific platforms for MGA, TAB, and PSPB. That platform is now known as IEEE Collabratec. While MGA provides OU ownership of Collabratec, Collabratec continues to be guided by a Steering Committee that has representatives from MGA, TAB, PSPB and others (including IT). In both 2017 and 2018, I have served as the TAB representative to the Collabratec Steering Committee.

### IEEE Collabratec

IEEE Collabratec™ is an integrated online community where technology professionals can network, collaborate, and create — all in one central hub.

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IEEE Collabratec allows engineers and technology professionals with similar interests to network and collaborate through online communities and private groups. Online communities also provide the opportunity to ask and answer questions, post documents, and view relevant events. Private groups, only available to those invited to the group, allow participants to post, comment, and collaborate on a collection of documents.

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* Create, edit and collaborate on documents using Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft Office 365 or LaTeX documents using IEEE Overleaf, an integrated LaTeX editor.

### SOME Noteworthy IEEE Collabratec progress

* IEEE Collabratec now has 150,000 registered participants. It features roughly 80 active **Communities** with an aggregate Community membership of 130,000 community participants.
* In 2107, Collabratec offered new capabilities for **Groups** that made them much more suitable for supporting volunteers. **Groups** are now quite suitable for supporting use by AdComs, ExComs, Region and Section leadership. They can also be used to support Chapter membership – as I discussed last year at the Sections Congress. <https://ieeetv.ieee.org/mobile/video/building-your-technical-community-in-ieee-collabratec-fred-mintzer-ignite-sections-congress-2017?rf=events%7C136>
* The Collabratec mobile app was introduced in 2017 and enhanced. Collabratec is now a very capable app on both Android and iOS platforms.
* Collabratec was made GDPR complaint this year – and serves as the IEEE’s most GDPR-compliant platform.
* In part because of Collabratec’s GDPR compliance, the IEEE Member Director was incorporated as a Collabratec feature (vs undergoing a separated GDPR compliance effort). The **People** function on Collabratec can be used to search for IEEE members.
* In the Member Directory, a listing of current and past volunteer positions of members was added.

### AS EDitor in Chief of Collabratec Artificial Intelligence Community

An IEEE Collabratec Community on Artificial Intelligenc4e was established around May 1. I am its founding Editor in Chief, a.k.a. is Instigator in Chief.

In the three months since its inception, he AI Community has attracted over 1500 participants. It has hosted over 115 posts – many of which I have posted. I note that its activity stream (of posts) looks very much like a blog.

## Miscellaneous Contributions

In the past year, I have also:

* Served on the R1 Nominations Committee – during which I have occasionally shared insights gleaned from service on TAB N&A and the Division IX N&A Committees.
* Authored an article on the launch of the IEEE Foundation’s new campaign **Realize the Full Potential of IEEE** for Region 1’s **IEEE New York Monitor** magazine.