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An IEEE member we know reported...

A colleague at work asked me why I belong to the IEEE. My first inclination was to respond, "habit," but her persistence made me look deeper.

*As I started to talk about the publications, my Society (I'm a power engineer), the IEEE conferences I've attended, and some of the local activities...I felt myself getting more enthusiastic. In my work, I use IEEE standards. Thanks to local meetings, I have heard people speak to whom I would never have had access (and even had an opportunity to discuss their work and mine). I have purchased a few IEEE books, refer to my *Computer Applications in Power* magazine, and even carry the insurance.*

As I spoke with her, I was reminded why I became an electrical engineer in the first place — and what a large part the IEEE has played in my professional career.

So, the next time someone asks me why I belong to the IEEE — I will say, "I couldn't afford not to!" I may have forgotten, but I value my IEEE membership: it's part of being a professional.

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