

# Region 3



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## State of the Region 2017

It is my honor to serve as the IEEE Region 3 Director for the second year of my term in 2017. I would like to report to you the accomplishments of our region, and let you know about our future goals.

First of all, I should remind you that IEEE has divided the world membership into 10 Regions. The US has six of these regions, and our region comprises the Southeast US which stretches from Virginia to Florida, and west to the Mississippi River. Region 3 consists of 41 geographic Sections which have from 150 to almost 5000 members.

- Our membership on December 31, 2016 was 28,502 members. Unfortunately, this was a drop of 777 members from 2015. IEEE is experiencing tremendous growth in Region 10 (Asia), which is offsetting the drop in membership in the US. Region 3 is the best performing region in the US.
- The sections worked hard and submitted Senior Member applications to recognize our member accomplishments. As a region we elevated 277 Members to Senior Member status. Congratulations, new Senior Members!
- We held our Region 3 conference, SoutheastCon 2016, in Norfolk, VA. About 700 students, researchers, and IEEE volunteers attended.
- The IEEE MOVE Disaster Relief and Outreach Project has been a resounding success. The MOVE Vehicle has responded to several floods, hurricanes, and Red Cross events. The vehicle has also traveled all over the Region for outreach activities. This effort has been recognized by IEEE and Mary Ellen Randall, Director of the MOVE Project, has received an IEEE award for her work.
- Congratulations to Pat Donahoe, Professor at Mississippi State University. Our former Region 3 Student Activities Chair has done such a good job in that role that he has been promoted to Student Activities Chair for the entire world!

As we look to activities in 2017, several come to mind:

- **Region/Section Goals:** Please refer to the 2017 Region 3 and Section Goals, below. Please use these to plan your section activities. Remember, we best serve our members by engaging them in IEEE technical and professional development activities.
- **SoutheastCon 2017:** Please make plans to attend SoutheastCon 2017, to be held from March 31 to April 2, in Charlotte/Concord, NC, Embassy Suites. I hope to



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see each section represented at the Region meetings and activities during the event. NOTE: the Region Meeting will start at 3 pm on Friday. Therefore, *the Region WILL NOT cover hotel or meal expenses for Thursday night.*

- **SoutheastCon 2020 and beyond:** We still do not have a section/Area host or site for SoutheastCon 2020 and beyond. If you are interested, please work with Sean Haynes ([s.a.haynes@ieee.org](mailto:s.a.haynes@ieee.org)) to develop a proposal.
- **Sections Congress:** Sections Congress 2017 will be held in Sydney, Australia from Friday, August 11, 2:00 pm to Sunday, August 13, 5:00 pm. One representative (“Primary Delegate”) from each section will be fully funded by IEEE’s Member and Geographic Activities group. IEEE covers registration, flight, hotel for four nights, meals, and ground transportation. Region 3 will hold a meeting on Friday between 2:00 and 4:30 pm. What each Section should do soon is identify the one person who will serve as the Primary Delegate, and that Delegate should ensure they have a valid passport (IEEE will not pay passport fees). If a section wishes to send more people, you should budget \$3500-\$4000 for all expenses. More detail on Sections Congress 2017 will come in future emails, but is also posted at: [https://www.ieee.org/societies\\_communities/geo\\_activities/sections\\_congress/2017/sc2017.html](https://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/sections_congress/2017/sc2017.html)

### **Engage – Invest – Grow - IEEE Region 3 Goals for 2017**

#### **Section Goals to Engage Members:**

1. Hold at least 1 Young Professional event in each section.
2. Hold 1 Senior Roundup in each section to exceed yearly goal of new senior members in Region 3.
3. Have every section contact every new member (call, email, or networking event) to welcome.
4. Each section utilizes or customizes at least 1 Cookbook recipe.
5. Increase the percentage of student branches submitting annual reports and new officer updates (50% of Region 3 student branches).
6. Publish their 2017 section goals online by February 1.

#### **Region Goals:**

1. Maintain the Section and Region membership levels by engaging members.
2. Expand the use of Collabratec™ in the region.
3. Expand section/student branch interaction.
4. Expand outreach to underserved communities.
5. Expand interaction with technical societies and society chapters.

#### **Region 3 Activities to Engage Members:**

1. Demonstrate the Collabratec™ tool at SoutheastCon with Use Cases. Measure: Session held.
2. Use the Collabratec™ tool for some Region ExCom business. Measure: ExCom is using Collabratec™ for at least one activity.
3. Package 1 Young Professional Program for use by Sections. Measure: Assign a volunteer, publish a cookbook process.
4. Hold a WIE/YP activity at SoutheastCon. Measure: activity held.
5. Recognize MOVE participants.
6. Operationalize VIP. Measure: tools implemented by region by December 31, 2017.
7. Hold two joint section/student leadership training sessions by December 31, 2017.
8. Line up a SoutheastCon 2020 site by April 2, 2017.
9. Define social media strategy. Approved by Excom by December 31, 2017.
10. Establish innovative ways to recognize Section successes.

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## *Volunteer Recruitment*

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Are you struggling with finding volunteers to fill committee positions? At last year's SoutheastCon, we led a session on Volunteer Recruitment, discussing this very issue. This is a summary of that information, especially highlighting the things to Do – and to NOT Do – when trying to get people more involved.

There are multiple reasons why people don't volunteer. Perhaps they don't know the opportunities that are available. That may not know or appreciate the importance of a particular position. They may not understand what the time commitment will be. They may believe that none of the positions would interest them. Perhaps they see other volunteers becoming burned out. Maybe they fear that their work or their family would not be supportive of them. Or – maybe no one ever asked them!! **The number one way to get a volunteer is to ASK THEM.**

The Do's and Don'ts of Volunteer Recruitment:

1. DON'T expect announcements to get volunteers. An announcement is not recruiting. Many people don't even read the announcement. People want to be asked.
2. DO it as a team. Recruiting alone is one of the widest and deepest traps. To meet the demands of looking for volunteers, often one person runs around asking the same people to do a different job. Partner with volunteers on the current committees to brainstorm potential volunteers. This should not be a 1 person show.
3. DON'T take "Engagement" literally. Ask for a short-term commitment, don't PROPOSE! Many people are afraid of getting tied into a job for a long time. Think of "micro-volunteer" tasking, and find people willing to do short, well-defined tasks (which include a time-line).
4. DO use Events – ask for help a particular event. Use your events to awaken passion in a subject, and to identify strengths/skills of the volunteer.

Make use of the [Region 3 Cookbook](#), which details how to run different types of activities and events.

5. DON'T take "No" for a final answer. No is not a rejection. Sometimes it means "not now". Or sometimes is just means "not this task". Don't be afraid to ask again at a later time. Ask the person what they like to do, and consider a different position. Or back off for awhile if you get a very negative response; they may come back later.
6. DO be people driven. First, think Position – what positions need to be filled to accomplish our mission. Then, think Role – what do we want that person/team to do? And finally think People – who can fill these positions?
7. DON'T put someone in a position just to have that position filled. Don't fill a position out of desperation – you want someone in the job who will actually do the work! If we simply place someone in a job they don't want, they may quit – or their lack of enthusiasm can also negatively impact other volunteers. Complacency is contagious!
8. DO recruit by duties and responsibilities. Provide as much detail as possible, so the volunteer knows what they are signing up for. The description should include: Position Title, Responsible To, Time Requirements, Key Objective, and a List of Key Work Areas. Review the description with them at the beginning of the year, and again at the end of the year. Update the description, as needed.

Once you have recruited a new volunteer, make sure you take care of them. Offer changes in duties, watch for burnout, help them identify a train a replacement, and above all else, recognize and reward them for their service!

## Defining Section Volunteer Leadership Roles

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Has your section recruited volunteers and held elections for key leadership positions, only to discover that now you need help with defining the roles for these new leaders? You are not alone. The IEEE Region 3 Volunteer Integration Process (VIP) Project has gathered and developed sample position descriptions for several section leadership positions and posted them to the IEEE Region 3 Section Leadership private group on Collabratec™ for your reference. These sample position descriptions can serve as a model and be adapted to address the specific needs of individual sections. In addition to the position descriptions, a sample calendar of key activities for Section Chairs is also provided. If you have questions or need help accessing this information on Collabratec™, contact Paul Goodson, Chair Region 3 Regional Support and VIP Project at [paul@thegoodsongroup.net](mailto:paul@thegoodsongroup.net).

## VEX Competition

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IEEE Tallahassee Area Section conducted a Leadership Technology Competition. The VEX Competition helped train tomorrow's student leaders in Engineering and Technology. This competition also introduced them to Florida A&M University (FAMU) Engineering Technology programs and STEM Teacher Education programs.

On Jan 28, 2017 at Florida A&M University (FAMU), together with Rickards High School hosted its First Annual James S. Rickards, FAMU School of Architecture + Engineering Technology and FAMU College of Education Vex EDR Robotics competition at Gaither Gymnasium on the FAMU campus. This was a region-wide competition for middle and high school teams from Tallahassee, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. They hosted 16 teams in a competition called "STARSTRUCK."

Students built robots that navigated a 12'x12' playing field, moved two different types of objects ("stars"

and "cubes"), climbed, and worked cooperatively with another robot.

Four of the competing teams became eligible to compete at the State level.



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## *Hinds CC, William Carey University display telemedicine capabilities*

December 6, 2016, RAYMOND, MS – The eyes and ears of disaster response in the not-too-distant future were on display at John Bell Williams (JW) Airport at Hinds Community College ([www.hindscc.edu](http://www.hindscc.edu)). The IEEE Mississippi Section has supported HINDSCC Aviation programs including serving on the External Advisory Committee and jointly developing Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for the IEEE Aerospace & Electronic Systems society. The IEEE Mississippi Section has held joint meetings with HINDSCC and the local Civil Air Patrol, a USAF auxiliary ([www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com)), on UAS applications such as search and rescue and electrical power line inspections.

Two of Hinds' Unmanned Aerial Vehicles were displayed during a presentation held by the college and William Carey University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. Each UAV, popularly known as drones, held a telemedical package.



Dennis Lott, director of the Unmanned Aerial Systems program at Hinds Community College, points out a component on a UAV equipped with a telemedical package during a presentation Dec. 6 at John Bell Williams Airport to launch the Telemedical Drone Project. (Hinds Community College/April Garon)

The orange Medical Resource Bag, attached under the drone may be dropped to a remote location for life saving support. One bag held supplies such as a

tourniquet, chest seal, gauze, scissors and clotting sponge to treat a severely injured victim, while the other package is set up for a mass casualty and is capable of treating up to 100 people with a range of injuries.

The Telemedical Drone Project, known as HiRO (Health Integrated Rescue Operations), was developed by Dr. Italo Subbarao, a disaster medicine expert and senior associate dean of William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM), and Guy Paul Cooper Jr., a fourth-year medical student at WCUCOM while the two studied the medical response to the devastating EF-4 tornado that struck Hattiesburg in 2013.

“Reaching the victims is the critical challenge in these situations,” Subbarao said. “As an osteopathic physician, my goal was to find ways to help save lives. A medical drone is the bridge that delivers life-saving treatment directly to the victims, giving remote physicians eyes, ears and voice to instruct anyone on site.”

The presentation was a mix of video and re-enactment. Students from WCU who played the part of shooting victims and potential caregivers in an emergency in the dramatization re-enacted those roles in person for the event.

Experts from the college, along with Subbarao and Cooper, designed and built both disaster drones, capable of carrying telemedical packages in adverse conditions. The aircraft are owned by Hinds and built at the college-owned airport from components sourced from around the world, said Dennis Lott, director of the Unmanned Aerial Systems program at Hinds.



Students from William Carey University's College of Osteopathic Medicine re-enact the treatment of a shooting victim during a presentation Dec. 6 at John Bell Williams Airport at Hinds Community College to launch the Telemedical Drone Program. (Hinds Community College/April Garon)

"These drones were specifically designed to support medical emergencies," Lott said. "The drones have impressive lift and distance capability while following FAA regulations. The drones can also be outfitted with a variety of sensors, such as infrared, to help support these types of events. This relationship presents an ideal setting to develop, test, and bring this technology to the field. It is just a matter of time before the drones become part of routine life."

Both kits incorporate the federal Department of Homeland Security's recommendations provided through the "Stop the Bleed" initiative. See <https://www.dhs.gov/stopthebleed>

"One thing we know for sure is that many people are dying in these types of events needlessly," said Richard Patrick, a senior advisor for health policy

with the department, noting research on active shooter events shows opportunities to save lives are there.

When a critical care kit opens, a physician appears on video and can direct treatment via a Google Glass, which someone can wear and move away from the drone while keeping audio and visual contact with the physician.

Further development needed to make telemedicine via the drones a routine part of disaster response includes integrating them into 911 response systems, Subbarao said.

"From our perspective, we feel it's a system being applied here – a system that will save people's lives," he said.

For more details about the HiRO drone program for emergency first aid, please view the two youtube videos at links shown below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4w2HyEynnM&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3w0wqqO2v1U>



An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, popularly known as a drone, is equipped with a telemedical package as part of the Telemedical Drone Project, known as HiRO. (Hinds Community College/April Garon)



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## Mobile Disaster Relief with IEEE MOVE

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IEEE has a mobile disaster relief program committed to assisting victims of natural disasters with short-term solutions for communications, computer-access, and power. These temporary emergency relief provisions help people stay connected and make sure they can access the help they need. The method of providing these services is through the IEEE USA-sponsored Mobile Outreach Vehicle (MOVE). This vehicle has a large array of technology on-board. Volunteers deploy the vehicle to disaster areas at the request of the American Red Cross Organization.

The MOVE truck is staged in North Carolina where it has been deployed to natural disasters and used by volunteers to conduct community outreach and

learning opportunities for students and the general public in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The MOVE truck has been as far West as Texas, and as far north as New York to “get kids jazzed” about studying STEM. There were more than a dozen K-12, college and other public appearances for the vehicle in 2016, reaching 955 students and educators. In total, the MOVE truck logged 14,000 miles since it went into service in March, 2016.

The MOVE truck was deployed for more than 8 weeks in 2016, aiding in five emergency situations. MOVE was also used as the command center to prevent loss of life through community smoke alarm installations.

- May: Red Cross Home Fire Campaign in North Carolina
- June-July: Flooding in West Virginia
- August: Flooding in Louisiana
- August: Hurricane Hermine in North Carolina
- September: Red Cross Home Fire Campaign in North Carolina
- October: Hurricane Matthew in Florida and North Carolina
- December: Tennessee Wild Fires

The concept of a mobile disaster relief vehicle was



The MOVE truck

conceived by a group of Region 3 volunteers in late 2013, with the intention that this would be a pilot later duplicated by other Regions around the globe. The project team did not want to duplicate the efforts of other relief organizations, but rather to fill a niche that was not being served and compliment the efforts of these other first responders. The MOVE project is seen as a way to engage and excite volunteers in humanitarian efforts that are close to home. In 2014, Region 5 joined the MOVE pilot. Currently, 76 volunteers have received training through MOVE Community Outreach.

Please visit the IEEE MOVE website for more information, to donate or to volunteer to help move this project forward in 2017!

<http://move.ieee.org>



The crew: Paul Goodson, Mary Ellen Randall, Grayson Randall, and Percy "Butch" Shadwell

For sponsorship information for your company:  
<http://move.ieeeusa.org/index.php/supporters/>

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MOVE Vehicle drivers Butch Shadwell, Jim Conrad, Grayson Randall, and Ken Pigg



## *Leadership Training*

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Each year, many people throughout IEEE step into a new role. Often, they don't fully understand what that role will entail! Region 3 has a committee specifically for helping new leaders learn about their position, and for preparing them for the responsibilities and expectations they will face. The Leadership Development and Regional Support Committee (LDRSC) was established just for this purpose. Relevant subcommittees of the LDRSC include Regional Support / Volunteer Integration Process (VIP) Project, Leadership Development Training, and Section/Chapter Rejuvenation (Regional Vitality Coordinator). If you want more information about any of these items, please contact me at [jgostin@ieee.org](mailto:jgostin@ieee.org). **If you would like personal training for your Section officers and other volunteers, let me know and we will work to set up a training session for you.**

Paul Goodson is heading up the VIP Project. This project is a Region 3 initiative to provide training and support to volunteers stepping into a new role. I served as the initial lead of the project, in 2014 and 2015. The project team gathered information and created job descriptions for the elected positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, and for the appointed positions of Membership Development Chair and Professional Activities Chair. Several "test Sections" were used as guinea pigs for testing the automation process of sending these descriptions and a calendar for what is expected throughout the year. While the process is not yet fully automated, mail-chimp was used to provide a fairly simple way of updating mailing lists and sending out regular emails to volunteers in new positions. The documents are all available to anyone interested in receiving them. Just ask, and we will send them to you! Additionally, Paul is exploring the possibility of pairing new volunteers with mentors, to help them transition into their new roles. Watch for further updates about that.

At a high level, I want to mention some of the things that are key to running a successful Section. Note that this will vary, depending on the size of the

Section and the interests of your members! One of the first things of import is organizing a Leadership Team, and making sure that team understands and works together towards your Section's vision or goals. Teamwork can't start until everyone knows where you are headed! Below you will find some of the roles of the main leadership positions within the Section. For more detailed descriptions, and a calendar of items that need to be addressed throughout the year, please refer to the VIP documents and the set of references at the end of this article.

### Chair:

- ◆ Organize the Leadership Team (Elected Officers, MD Chair, PACE Chair, Awards Chair, N&A Chair, etc.)
- ◆ Define the focus area(s) for the year
- ◆ Make sure everyone understands their job
- ◆ Make and keep a calendar (start from VIP)
- ◆ Form a program planning task force with both long-time and new members (Chapters may plan most of the technical meetings)
- ◆ Prepare for and run meetings
- ◆ Empower your team – do they need help?
- ◆ Use the Dashboard, SAMIEEE, vtools, netSuite, etc.
- ◆ Represent the Section at Region Committee meetings
- ◆ Review Section finances; serve as a signer on the CB account
- ◆ Oversee any Chapters / Affinity Groups in your Section
- ◆ Interact with and support Student Branches

### Vice Chair:

- ◆ Serve as "second in command", filling in for the Chair as needed
- ◆ Take on a second task – either a support role or a leading role
- ◆ Think strategically if you plan to run for Chair, and begin working towards those strategic goals
- ◆ Support the Chair in whatever tasks are needed

### Treasurer:

- ◆ Work with previous treasurer to learn how the Section finances operate
- ◆ Get access to the Concentration Banking Account
- ◆ Keep NetSuite current; attend netSuite/treasurer training

- ◆ Assist in preparing the annual budget
- ◆ Communicate with and assist chapter treasurers, if needed
- ◆ Meet IEEE deadlines
- ◆ Report on financial status at Section meetings; review checkbook with Chair at least twice a year
- ◆ Communicate guidelines for reimbursements and requests for funding; review/pay reimbursements
- ◆ Work with Awards Chair to get MGA approval of all scholarships, grants, and awards
- ◆ Review the investment statement monthly, if applicable
- ◆ Act as a mentor to your successor

#### Secretary:

- ◆ Review Robert's Rules of Order
- ◆ Take role and minutes at meetings; post or share via email after approved
- ◆ Supervise the records keeping for the Section
- ◆ Create and submit annual report to IEEE
- ◆ Learn and use vtools for meeting announcements, enotices, officer updates, meeting reports, etc.
- ◆ Assist chapters with using vtools
- ◆ Plan meeting location/food or work with arrangements chair to do so
- ◆ Work with webmaster to ensure website is current

#### Membership Development Chair:

- ◆ Attend monthly IEEE MD telecon
- ◆ Identify key focus area(s) for MD (Senior Membership, first year, member retention, etc.)
- ◆ Create an MD team, if needed
- ◆ Report MD projects/plans to the ExCom
- ◆ Acknowledge membership milestones (via newsletter, social media, personal emails, etc.)

#### Awards Chair:

- ◆ Review R3 Awards Manual and other IEEE awards
- ◆ Plan Section awards to align with R3 and other IEEE awards when possible
- ◆ Send out Call for Nominations
- ◆ Ensure nominees meet awards criteria
- ◆ Work with Awards Committee to review and select winners
- ◆ Plan awards program; purchase awards certificates/plaques
- ◆ Push nominations forward for other awards

- ◆ Maintain records of award nominees and winners

#### Nominations and Appointments Chair:

- ◆ Build a committee
- ◆ Create the election calendar, meeting MGA and Section requirements
- ◆ Learn how to use vtools voting (or other voting tool)
- ◆ Send out call for nominations, with election schedule
- ◆ Actively seek candidates
- ◆ Set up voting website; send out notice to all voting members
- ◆ Send results email to all candidates; announce winners
- ◆ Assist Section Chair with identifying candidates for appointed positions

#### Professional Activities Chair:

- ◆ Build a committee
- ◆ Plan meetings addressing non-technical career needs (Communications, Leadership, Management Skills; Career Management & Employment Transitions; Consulting; Professional Licensing; Intellectual Property; Public Policy)
- ◆ Advertise and run the meetings
- ◆ Identify alternative funding options – work with R3 Professional Activities Chair

#### Program Planning Task Force:

- ◆ Brainstorm list of 15-20 very specific topics/speakers for meeting programs
  - ◇ Presentation of Local Engineering Project
  - ◇ Presentation on Emerging Trends in Technology or Policy (e.g. smart grid, cloud computing, wearable technology, driverless vehicles, professional licensing and certification, immigration)
  - ◇ Presentation of Current Research & Development Activity
  - ◇ Guided Technical Tour of Local Plant or Facility
  - ◇ Student project presentations
- ◆ Prioritize list of specific topics/speakers
- ◆ Identify who can/will secure the top six topics/speakers, working well in advance of proposed meeting dates
- ◆ Work with Secretary to publicize event and get meeting announcement into vtools
- ◆ Consider sharing speakers with other nearby Sections!

These are all a starting point – take these lists and tailor them to match the needs of your Section. It's time to get started now, though. Jump right in, and start working towards a year that your members will remember!



- IEEE Volunteer Position Training Online: <https://iee-elearning.org/CLE/>
- IEEE USA Web Site: <http://ieeusa.org/>
- IEEE Region 3 Web Site: <http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/>
- R3 Leadership Training and Regional Support Chair: Jill Gostin, [jgostin@ieee.org](mailto:jgostin@ieee.org)
- Your Predecessor!

Resources:

- <http://sites.ieee.org/vtools/> (many tools for the Section – a single site with links to multiple tools)
- IEEE MGA Operations Manual (especially section 9.4): [http://www.ieee.org/societies\\_communities\\_geo\\_activities\\_operations\\_manual/](http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities_geo_activities_operations_manual/)

## Prepare for Sections Congress 2017

Calling all Section Leaders! The triannual Sections Congress meeting of all IEEE Sections Leaders will be held this August 11-13 in Sydney, Australia. IEEE Sections Congress, held every three years since 1984, provides IEEE Section leadership with a priceless opportunity to impact the future of IEEE. Each Section is allowed to send one Primary Delegate to Sections Congress. The expenses for the Primary Delegate will be reimbursed by IEEE.

Sections Congress:

- ◇ Is the ideal place to network and share knowledge
- ◇ Provides a means to increase leadership skills and a working knowledge of IEEE
- ◇ Is a venue for expressing opinions and concerns through recommendations for action, which will be used by the IEEE Board of Directors to guide IEEE into the future

The goals of Sections Congress are:

- ◇ To provide an opportunity for delegates to gain information and training skills
- ◇ To network and build relationships with other volunteers within IEEE
- ◇ To serve as a forum for Section representatives and other local leaders, enabling them to voice, on behalf of the collective membership, the ideas, issues, and recommendations that will impact the development and growth of IEEE throughout the world, reinforcing its vitality and relevance to those it serves

More information will be provided as the date of the Congress approaches. For more information please contact the Sean Haynes, the Region 3 Sections Congress Coordinator ([s.a.haynes@ieee.org](mailto:s.a.haynes@ieee.org)). For more information on Sections Congress visit their website at: [https://www.ieee.org/societies\\_communities\\_geo\\_activities/sections\\_congress/2017/sc2017.html](https://www.ieee.org/societies_communities_geo_activities/sections_congress/2017/sc2017.html)



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## *IEEE Region 3 Executive Committee – 2017*

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*WIE Leadership Summit*  
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It's my pleasure to report that we had a very successful women leadership summit in Atlanta November 2-4, 2016 with 70 speakers who are leaders in their fields, 29 partners, 37 sessions, and more than 250 participants who came from all around the US and even abroad. Thirty-six of the participants were IEEE professional members, 8 student members, and 17 WIE members.

I appreciate our director's support of many of the IEEE/WIE members to participate.

Pictures of the event can be found here: <http://www.wielead.org/gallery/>

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