

# Region 3

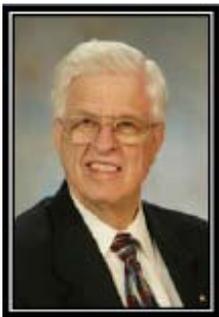


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## Message from the Region 3 Director ...



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### Director's Message: Benefits of Volunteering

From time to time many of us have the experience of being asked to recommend engineers for new positions. Usually that happens with senior openings. How do we respond?

We can recommend those whom we know, usually through IEEE volunteer activities. It is true, as Lee Stogner is quick to point out in promoting membership development, that networking is a top reason for belonging to IEEE - and for being an active volunteer. Volunteering has a personal benefit to us and our profession. It also aids the community.

A group that has a vested interest in volunteerism is the Corporation for National and Community Service. It has issued several reports on the topic, ranking localities by their volunteer activities.

[http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role\\_impact/performance\\_research.asp](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/performance_research.asp)

The total annual value of national volunteers' time was estimated at \$152 billion earlier this year. On average, one third of volunteers one year fail to continue volunteering for a second year. Perhaps the volunteer tasks are not structured so as to be sufficiently rewarding for the volunteers.

The national average, for residents 16 or older in the top 50 metro areas, is 28.1% volunteering. Minneapolis-St. Paul is #1 with 40.5% active volunteers. Three Florida cities rank near the bottom: Miami (#49) at 16.9%, Orlando (#45) at 22.2%, and Tampa (#39) at 25.8%. Las Vegas came in last, at 14.4%.

Charlotte, NC, came in at #9 (34.3%) - the only one of the top ten in Region 3. The most active areas for volunteering are in "middle America".

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## Gearing up for fall?

Yes Summer 2007 is in full swing, reflected by the temperature, humidity, frequent afternoon thunderstorms... the list goes on. Many sections do not schedule regular meetings during July or August due to vacations so it is a good time to perhaps do some preparations for the Fall and remainder of 2007. Besides, some students return to classes in a few weeks. I offer a short checklist of things you might want to consider:

Are there loose ends requiring attention for the monthly meetings: local arrangements, topics and speakers, announcements...? Now is the time to approach speakers and venues, before the Fall semester / quarter starts.

Are we prepared for the return of students? Does your section have a Student Activities Chair, and does this person have active support from your section? It is the perfect time to start thinking about Student-Professional Awareness Conferences (S-PAC), Student Professional Awareness Ventures (S-PAVes), and networking opportunities with not only active student branches but also including potential student members.

Maybe a social gathering including families could still be arranged. The holidays are still far enough away; note that Christmas decorations have not appeared in most stores – **yet**.

It is not too early to begin thinking about the nominating committee for candidates to replace officers and augment executive committees. Now is the time to start talking to and perhaps mentoring potential new officers and volunteers

Has the web site been reviewed lately for currency, accuracy...? Check it again. This is how most people find you and how they know what you are doing.

How are we engaging the members and other volunteers in the work of the Section, Chapter...?

Consider calling an Executive Committee / Administrative Committee (AdCom) meeting to review your plans for the remainder of 2007 and early 2008. The farther ahead that you plan and the more people you can involve, the more that gets done and the easier it becomes. And remember - Director McClure, the rest of the Region 3 Executive Committee, and I are here to help you and your members succeed. Make use of us!

Holler if you need any additional ideas.

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*Message from the Region 3 Director ...(continued)*

[http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/VIA\\_CITIES/VIA\\_cities\\_summary.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/VIA_CITIES/VIA_cities_summary.pdf) includes a table showing all 50 cities.

You may remember the book, "Bowling Alone," that charted the decrease in volunteers (including IEEE) over the years. There are two countervailing trends: the need to spend more hours on the job and the need to budget quality time for family life. Volunteering occupies the niche between those two. Is volunteering not marketed effectively to our professionals?

How volunteering can help you:

- Make important networking contacts
- Learn or develop skills
- Teach your skills to others
- Enhance your resume
- Gain work experience (including program management, without risk to your employer)
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improve your health
- Meet new people
- Feel needed and valued
- Express gratitude for help you may have received in the past ("giving back")
- Communicate to others that you are ambitious, enthusiastic, and care about your profession and community
- Make a difference in someone's life (e.g., mentoring)

IEEE-USA has a web page aimed at potential volunteers. <http://www.ieeeusa.org/volunteers/volunteering.asp>

Based on data from IEEE-USA, Professor Laura Langbein found that the mean hours worked per working day by electrical engineers in government positions was 9.5 hours.

[http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=1053-1858\(199807\)8%3A3%3C391%3APPATPS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Z](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=1053-1858(199807)8%3A3%3C391%3APPATPS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Z)

Adding in typical commute times brings the total job time commitment to more than 50 hours per week. Similar survey data for private sector engineers have not been identified, but in one 1997 anecdotal example cited, engineers developing a color laser printer typically spent 80 hours per week on the job, partly because the normal workday was consumed mostly in coordinating with others, and the design work ("real engineering") was accomplished "after hours." [Perlow, Leslie A. (1997). *Finding Time: How Corporations, Individuals and Families Can Benefit from New Work Practices*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.] Her findings pointed to the need for more effective team meetings so that serial coordination events could be accomplished in parallel.

There has been a lot of discussion over several years about how IEEE can aid industry, and vice versa. Is it presumptive to promote techniques for "working smarter" that can make industry more efficient and at the same time expand the niche time for volunteerism?

If you want to share your views on the above, we will be pleased to receive them ([g.mcclure@ieee.org](mailto:g.mcclure@ieee.org)). As the saying goes, "Your mileage may vary."

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## From the Communications Chair: The Media and The Message

The communications committee wants to help you get the word out to your section or other organizational units. In setting up your communications plan, you need to consider both the media and the message.

As a chair, either of an organizational unit or a communications committee, you might find the range of communications tools available quite intimidating. The methods to get the word out range from old fashioned postcards to Web 2.0 and everything in between. Without minimizing the potential of any of the fancier tools, most units use three primary tools for communications: the newsletter, email, and web sites.

The hardcopy newsletter is expensive; you have printing, folding, addressing, and mailing costs. Many sections limit mailing to members without email or mail only to those who request hardcopy. Other sections continue to send newsletters because experience has shown them to be cost effective. You will have to decide what is right for your unit based on your members' preferences.

At the dawn of the 21st century, life without email is hard to imagine. In the early days of email, units had to laboriously maintain mailing lists to reach their members electronically. However, there is a better way. The IEEE maintains a bulk email service know as e-Notice. If you are not using it, most likely it is because you have not tried it. It is that good. Just remember that some members still are stuck in the dial-up world and not necessarily with the fastest service. The rest of us can be overwhelmed with spam or just large volumes of solicited email. Keep your e-Notices short and don't send too many.

In fact, one of the best ways to use your e-Notice is to point to your web site, the third leg of the communications triad. Web sites don't have to be fancy to be effective. IEEE provides an entity web host at no cost to your unit. Most of our units have pretty good sites. But on the off chance you are one of the few that either has no site or a poorly maintained site, you really need to fix this right away. If you don't know how, let the Region know and we can help you. A properly designed and maintained site can really make a difference in your ability to reach the masses as well as your members.

Beyond these three basic tools, there are an almost limitless range of other choices. A number of units are experimenting with the use of Blogs. The IEEE has a tool called On-line Communities that support professional networking just as Facebook and MySpace support social networking. IEEE still supports old fashioned mail lists. YouTube has been suggested as a perfect place to put short presentations on topics ranging from section training to advertising for technical presentations. You are a smart group; I am sure once you get going you will adapt the latest technology and make it serve your interests. But the next part of your communications plan has to be the message.

What is your message? Remember your are competing with sleep, the PTA, other professional societies, and the latest American Idol for the attention of your membership. You need to pick the right programs and then sell them effectively.

Picking the right programs is more than I can cover in this simple newsletter article. Suffice it to say, you need to be relevant to your members. Sex, drugs, and rock and roll may sell toothpaste, but sections and chapters will fair better with leading-edge technology and matters that directly affect the pocketbook. A certain percentage of your membership will understand the significance of your program. For the rest you will need to explain. Sell your program.

Remember the basics: who, what, when, and where. Highlight this information. Don't assume anything. When I first moved to Virginia, some of our meetings were held in a room above a grocery store. The directions simply said at the grocery store. It took me three tries to find that room. The first time I went to the store restaurant area and simply assumed that I had read the notice wrong when I didn't see signs of a meeting. The second time I apparently asked the wrong employee who looked at me like I was crazy. The third time was the charm and I have been a regular ever since. More specific directions would have been helpful.

At the same time, don't forsake your regulars. If you are switching the meeting location, date, or time from the old standard, make a big effort to reach your regulars. For unit activities, habit is a wonderful thing. Changes need to be announced early and often.

Whatever your message, make it interesting and exciting. While you might not be selling sex, drugs, and rock and roll, you are competing with it. Spend the time to simplify your message and present it clearly. Good luck. Let us know how we can help.

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## Who are you?

By Bill Clayton

Of course you have an IEEE alias. You know that j.doe@ieee.org looks big league at the top of your resume compared to troutslapper@podunk.isp.net or sexylegs234@hotmail.com. Your professional network can reach you even when your employer blocks all your email, you have switched Internet Service Providers, or you no longer have that free .edu account. When you use your uncle Bubba's computer, you can download your email without fear from his lack of updated anti-viral protection; your IEEE alias pumps all your mail through a top of the line anti-virus package. The Unsolicited Commercial Email service dumps gallons of spam to the bit bucket. You know all this.

So why do so many of you leave your IEEE alias out of your profile? That address is used for all your IEEE subscriptions, it lets your section know how to contact you, and for volunteers is published in the password protected geographic roster available to all members. When the on-line membership directory comes to fruition, the contact information listed in your profile will be served up to the user. Yet most of you don't use your IEEE alias in your profile.

When I encourage volunteers to get an alias, most of the time they already have one. I find they just assume that their alias magically migrates from <http://elecomm.ieee.org/> to <http://www.ieee.org/myieee>. It doesn't. You have to put your IEEE alias in your contact email address. Do this once and you will never have to change it again. Just update your alias and all your professional email will follow; has a real nice Lean Six Sigma ring to it doesn't it? So if you don't have an IEEE alias, go to <http://elecomm.ieee.org/> right now and get one. If you already have one, go to your profile at <http://www.ieee.org/myieee> and put your IEEE alias in the "Contact Information."

Thanks for your support.

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## SAMIEEE Update

By Bill LaBelle

SAMIEEE will be unavailable for about 15 minutes sometime over the weekend between 4 and 6 August.

IEEE will be launching the web portion of the Business Management System (BMS) on 6 August. This update to BMS is one of the largest and most significant projects in IEEE history. It has combined information from more than two dozen databases and nearly 400 applications ranging from member records to product catalogs, and it provides a comprehensive view of the interconnection of IEEE operations, members and customers.

Analytics is an ad-hoc query tool this is used with BMS and will replace Business Objects as the ad-hoc query tool for volunteer access to member data beginning in September 2007.

A Powerpoint demo file that provides an overview of the SAMIEE Analytics is available <http://www.ieee.org/BMS/index-boardseries.html>. Ms. Vera Sharoff [v.sharoff@ieee.org] indicated that there will be various methods of training for volunteers. We will have our "traditional" Live Meeting webcasts, an online User Guide and a self contained training module that you can download and use as needed.

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## Blog Blog Blog

By now you should have heard about blogs, short for web logs, since they have been in the news pretty regularly. But, have you considered using it to support your unit's operations? Most blogs have simple interfaces that allow the average user to build a web page entry without any fancy software. Region 3 has their own blog which can be found at [ieeer3.blogspot.com](http://ieeer3.blogspot.com).

The Region 3 blog provides a way to reach out to the Region committee and other volunteers without anti-spam filters trapping the message or outdated mail lists misdirecting it. If you have Region 3 information that needs to get out, you simply send the content to our Region 3 secretary, [d.green@ieee.org](mailto:d.green@ieee.org), and he will post it to the blog.

One of the great features of blogs is the integration most have with Real Simple Syndication, RSS, which is becoming more and more popular. Everything from the IEEE On-Line Communities to IEEE publications like the Spectrum can be monitored by subscription to RSS feeds. If you don't already have a favorite RSS reader, just put "rss readers free" in your favorite search engine or just check out [www.bloglines.com](http://www.bloglines.com) for more information.

While the blog has tremendous potential we face a Catch 22. Some day, members will prefer blogs with RSS over email or snail mail. Part of that preference will be a consequence of the high signal to noise ratio and prompt notification users find with the new technology. Until Region 3 committee chairs decide to use the blog to get the word out, neither of these will be fact. So I have three pleas for the readers.

First, for those of you who are the leaders of the various Region committees and initiatives or any volunteer who is seeking Region level cooperation, we need you to post to the blog. Second, we need all of you to subscribe to the blog. Third, I encourage you to experiment with blogs in your areas, councils, and sections and then let the Communication Committee know how things come out.

In addition to the Region 3 Blog, you can check out Richmond's ([ieeerichmond.blogspot.com](http://ieeerichmond.blogspot.com)) and Hampton Roads' ([ieeehamptonroads.blogspot.com](http://ieeehamptonroads.blogspot.com)). If you know about a Region 3 blog not listed here, let us know.

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## Major Patent Reform Looms

This issue has not received major publicity, but could be of vital interest to engineers who become inventors and want to protect their intellectual property. Sections are encouraged to post this information on their web sites so interested members will be informed and can communicate their views to their legislators.

The proposed Patent Reform Act of 2007 has passed out of committees and will be considered soon in the Congress. The bill has been tweaked in various ways since its first introduction in 1997. While one of the purposes is harmonization with patent law in other countries (e.g., changing patent protection from first-to-invent to first-to-file), there is concern that it restricts the rights of the small inventors and makes it more difficult for them to defend their intellectual property.

There are two versions of the bill: H.R.1908 and S.1145. The text and status can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:S.1145>.

A commentary on the bill, by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, who calls it the "Steal American Technologies Act, The Sequel," given on the floor of the House on July 10, is found at

<http://rohrbacher.house.gov/News/DocumentSingle.aspx?DocumentID=69884>. Among the problems he finds with the legislation are these:

- \* With first-to-file, even if the patent has not been granted because of administrative delays, the application will be published in 18 months - available to thieves.
- \* With first-to-invent, the patent provides 17 years of patent protection, and the application is secret until the patent is awarded. This has been a major strength of the U.S. system of patents and copyrights.
- \* A post-grant review process will be set up, allowing unlimited challenges to patents, which will have to be defended by the patent holder, grinding down the small inventor.
- \* With first-to-file, there is incentive to file numerous applications, covering small steps forward. While the cost is trivial for corporations, this will create an administrative burden for patent reviewers, and require that the small inventor make the investment to do the same, for his protection.

IEEE-USA has provided comments on the bill from its Intellectual Property Policy Committee (attached). Interested IEEE members may wish to communicate their views to their Congresspeople prior to floor votes on the bill.

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Dear Region 3 Section PACE representatives,

I hope you are having a good summer. Please note the potential Patent Law changes being considered by our US Congress. I urge you to voice your opinion by contacting your representatives. This may have lasting impact on our members and the profession. As director McClure said, it has the potential of restricting the rights of small inventors and makes it more cumbersome for them to defend their intellectual property.

Please act now by posting this information on your section's web site, e-mailing it to your section membership, and encourage our members to contact their representatives. August is an ideal time for us to contact our Senators and Congressmen, since they will be back home on summer recess. Please consider arranging a meeting with them to voice your opinion. While there, you could establish a good rapport with them and their staff. The role of the staff is very important, as you know. They are very influential in shaping the opinion of the senator or congressman for whom they work.

It is a golden opportunity for us to make our views known on this subject and other related subjects of concern to you.

I would appreciate it if you let me know what steps you plan to take in this regard.

Your Senator's Web site is at: **Senator's last name.senate.gov**

Your Congressman's Web site is at: **Congressman's last name.house.gov**

I look forward to your comments. Thanks for being alert.

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## **“Patent Reform Act of 2007” Feedback**

The following feedback reflects the opinions of the U.S.-based members of the IEEE-USA Intellectual Property Policy Committee (IPC) and not the membership of IEEE as a whole. The IPC has reviewed the language of the proposed patent reform bill – as introduced on April 18, 2007 – and submits the following input on the sections listed:

### **Sec. 5. Right of the inventor to obtain damages.**

While we applaud efforts to reduce the costs of litigation, IEEE-USA has reservations about this change in calculating patent infringement damages. A new approach to calculating damages for patent infringement will likely reduce the risk for established, large entities, giving them the advantage of increased bargaining power over weaker competitors and start-up companies.

To promote the progress of science and useful arts, inventors deserve to be compensated according to the value of their inventions in an infringing product. In some areas of technology, modern products are composed of literally thousands of inventions. It will be difficult to consistently and fairly attribute value to patents based on improvements over the prior art, and apportionment of damages might not fully value a patented contribution. A single improvement/addition to a small component of a device might completely elevate the operation of the entire device to “star status.” Patent holders and potential infringers may thus disagree on apportionment when calculating the damages valuation. Consider this situation: “How do you fairly attribute the value of a hypothetical fuel filter for an automobile that doubles fuel efficiency of an automobile and costs only \$3.00?” The cost of the fuel filter seems de-minimus in relation to the cost of the automobile, but the benefit is tremendous.

While it would be easier to apportion damages based on the total number of inventions involved, the courts must be allowed the flexibility to direct damage awards based on the true value of the infringing invention. “Who is in a position to fairly determine this value?”

### **Sec. 6. Post-grant procedures and other quality enhancements.**

IEEE-USA IPC has strong reservations about creating post-grant procedures. Pre-grant improvements to patent procurement are favored over the proposed post-grant procedures. For example, the USPTO process should be improved by allowing more examination time and hiring and retaining superior employees.

Patent infringement lawsuits are filed primarily to rectify theft of innovations. The proposed post-grant procedures could be used by large entities as a tactical litigation delay (of up to 1.5 years) which would give them an unnecessary competitive advantage. It will also cloud the validity of issued patents which will reduce the value of patents held by start-up companies and universities (particularly, from the view of venture capitalists). It is not only industry-leading companies that provide innovations to the market. History has shown us that the innovators employed at industry-leading companies frequently leave to start

new companies. For example, Andy Grove, Robert Noyce and Gordon Moore left Fairchild Semiconductor to start Intel.

We suggest that Congress explore improvements to the pre-grant process rather than making changes to post-grant procedures, and consider raising fees if necessary. However, should fees be raised, the funds should be earmarked towards improvements to the pre-grant process.

#### **Sec. 9. Submissions by third parties and other quality enhancements.**

IEEE-USA IPC has strong reservations about pre-issue submissions. Pre-issue submissions could be used disproportionately by large corporations to block smaller entities attempting to protect innovations. Large corporations have the resources to research and follow the patent applications of start-up companies that could prove to be potential competitors in the future. On the other hand, start-up companies have minimal resources to operate their fledgling endeavors, and likely do not have the time and resources to follow and submit prior art against the patent applications of large corporations. Accordingly, there will not be an equal level of scrutiny and prior art submission for all patent applications which will create a varying presumption of validity for patents.

A safeguard needs to be implemented to ensure equal scrutiny during prosecution of patent applications. If one patent application receives heightened scrutiny due to pre-grant submissions, other patent applications (that do not receive pre-grant submissions) should receive additional scrutiny via the USPTO process in order to be fair.

#### **Sec. 10. Venue and jurisdiction.**

The IEEE-USA IPC is in favor of the venue restrictions. This will discourage forum shopping, a tactic often used by law firm-backed patent litigation entities that have no intention of developing or commercializing the patented technologies which they assert against commercial entities.

#### **Sec. 11. Regulatory authority.**

IEEE-USA IPC has strong reservations about the regulatory authority granted to the Director in this section. The last clause provides,

“...the Director may promulgate such rules, regulations, and orders that the Director determines appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title ...or that the Director determines necessary to govern the operation and organization of the Office.”

This language grants the Director with authority to limit every patent application to a single legal claim, thereby completely eliminating continuation practice solely for the reason that the backlog at the USPTO necessitates it.

IEEE-USA IPC believes that the director’s authority should be restricted to promulgating only rules, regulations, and orders that the Director determines necessary to carry out provisions of this legislation. This would give the Director the authority to adjust the agencies operations to carry out the new mandate without giving the position unlimited rule-making authority.

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## Nominations for 2008 Region 3 ExCom

The Region 3 Nominations and Appointments Committee hereby solicits volunteers to serve on the 2008 Region 3 Executive Committee (R3 ExCom) from members of the Region 3 ExCom and the Region 3 Committee. The 2007 R3 ExCom positions and 2007 volunteers are listed at <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/comp.html>.

You may nominate yourself, or another individual if you know he or she is willing to serve. If you currently serve on the R3 ExCom, please indicate your willingness to continue, or your interest in serving in another position. Please submit your nominations/recommendations by 31 August 2007.

Submit the name, IEEE member grade and number, contact information and a brief statement of the candidate's qualifications to:

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The N & A Committee will consider all nominations and recommendations, complete volunteer screening for committee & special assignments, and report its recommended nominees to the incoming Delegate/Director prior to the Fall 2007 ExCom meeting.

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## IEEE UCE/SPAM Filtering Service to Change

IEEE UCE/SPAM FILTERING SERVICE TO CHANGE FROM “OPT-IN” TO “OPT-OUT” IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE UNSOLICITED MESSAGES SENT TO IEEE MEMBER EMAIL ALIASES:

To help reduce the increasingly large volume of unsolicited commercial email messages – commonly known as spam – being sent to [ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org) email addresses from outside sources, the IEEE UCE/spam filtering service will be changing from the current “opt-in” policy to an “opt-out” policy.

On 20 August 2007, a default spam filtering level, expected to reduce the volume of email sent to [ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org) addresses by 30 percent, will be applied to all IEEE email aliases. It is designed to filter out email that is extremely likely to be UCE/spam. In the past, this filtering service had to be individually activated by each user.

Those who do not wish to have the default spam filtering level applied to their IEEE email alias can select to “opt-out” at <https://uce.ieee.org> and choose the “No UCE/Spam filtering” option, or select a more aggressive filter level. After choosing this option, click on the “Set UCE/Spam Filtering Level” button to save the changes. If no action is taken by 20 August, the default spam filtering level will be activated. Subscribers can opt-out of the filtering service at any time.

For more details on why the new policy was implemented, how the policy will improve email delivery through internet service providers and the aggressiveness of the service, visit <https://uce.ieee.org/opt-out-info.html>. Questions can be directed to [member-services@ieee.org](mailto:member-services@ieee.org).

# IEEE Region 3 Executive Committee – 2007

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## IEEE Region 3 Executive Committee – 2007 (continued)

### Strategic Planning

History  
*Vernon Powers*

Special Projects  
*TBD*

Special Review  
*Roy Harris*

### Student Activities

Student Representative \*  
Matthew Erickson

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### Region 3 Initiative – *William Ratcliff*

HELP DESK  
*Bill Marshall*

MEMBERSHIP  
*Lee Stogner*

AWARDS  
*Mary Ellen Randall*

KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE  
*Charles J. Lord, P.E.*

VOLUNTEERS  
*George McClure/William Ratcliff*

LDO  
*Charles Lord*

TISP  
*J. Patrick Donohoe, Ph.D., P.E.*

FLAT WORLD  
*Bob Duggan*

NEW INCOME  
*Charles Hickman*

To contact any of the above members, please go to this website

<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/comp.html>

\* Denotes voting member of Region 3 Executive Committee

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## Upcoming Region 3 meetings

The below list of for Region 3 meetings are fast approaching. Mark your calendars!!

### ExCom

<http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/excom/meetings/2007-09/>

24 Sept 2007 9pm Eastern, IRC

Reports due 21 Sept 2007.

### Region 3 Meeting

<http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/excom/meetings/2007-10/>

26-28 October 2007, Birmingham, AL, Wynfrey Hotel

(ExCom 17 October 2007, 9pm Eastern on IRC; reports due 15 October 2007)

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