

Attendees: Bill Harrison* (Chair), Eric Ackerman, Jim Beall, Thomas Bellarmine*, David Bower, Bill Clayton, Chip Dawson, Pat Donohoe*, Bob Duggan*, Joey Duvall, Devon Gayle, Doug Gorham, Dave Green (facilitator)*, Roy Harris, Charles Hickman*, Jim Howard*, Charles Lord, Bill Marshall, John Parr*, Bill Ratcliff*, Dick Riddle, Butch Shadwell, Brian Skelton, Lee Stogner*, John Twitchell*, Bruce Walcott*, 26 people (*voting member of ExCom)

Director Harrison welcomed the group to the 2nd ExCom meeting of the year and thanked them for their attendance.

The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

- ExCom received the reports listed in the Information Agenda.
- The ExCom approved the modified version of the Region 3 Strategic Plan.

Officer Reports

Director Harrison reviewed the priorities for the upcoming meetings: #1 Sections Congress Preparations and #2 Support of EAB/R3 Initiative.

Director-Elect McClure was traveling but supplied a written report.

Secretary Green thanked members who posted their reports by the deadline and remarked that the website was current with all submitted reports. He asked members to be sure to register their participation plans on the Region 3 web form.

Treasurer Hickman noted that he had received an additional \$500 for Sections Congress 2005 since his written report.

The ExCom passed the following motion after discussion:

- Region 3 ExCom recommends to the Region 3 Committee that Region 3 contribute \$10K amount to Sections Congress 2005 with

possible further funding at a future date per the advice of our Treasurer.

The motion was subsequently rescinded (on 6 April). The Region 3 FinCom was asked to develop a recommendation for the Region Committee after review all of the finances associated with Sections Congress.

Secretary Green reviewed the schedule of meetings at SoutheastCon 2005. He noted that Area/Council meetings are a primary time for the Section Chairs to present their reports and issues as well as network with other Sections Chairs in their area. He briefly described the Sections Congress issue development breakout activities and the Region Meeting and evening events that follow. The Region Meeting will continue Sunday along with student meetings.

Director Harrison introduced Doug Gorham, Education Activities Director of Educational Outreach, who briefed the group on the teacher in-service program (TISP) features IEEE volunteers developing and presenting technical topics to teachers. This pre-college initiative that includes institutionalizing TISP beginning in Region 3. There is funding to support training of Section "champions" and for the cost of materials and supplies. Thus far, there have been 29 presentations, attended by 568 teachers who represent over 59,000 students. The goal of the present initiative is to 'recruit' at least 20 Sections in R3. Pat Donohoe will be visiting all of the Area/Council meetings at SoutheastCon. EAB VP Moshe Kam and Doug Gorham will be speaking to the group at the Region meeting.

The ExCom approved the minutes of its 10, 12 January 2005 ExCom.

The ExCom reviewed the agenda for the Region meeting.

The ExCom discussed the items on the Information Agenda.

- Charles Lord went over the plans for Leadership by Developing others training at SoutheastCon. Dick Riddle urged all to participate in this session.

- Lee Stogner noted the slow decline in Region 3 membership and asked for support in reversing this trend.
- Bill Ratcliff reminded committee chairs to submit their SPC forms to the Secretary.
- George McClure reviewed the need for new officers in some chapters. He also mentioned the opportunity to schedule a distinguished lecture from AESS.
- Awards Chair John Twitchell reminded the group that the email vote was unanimously in favor of the ARC recommendation for the outstanding awards, and there were no "no" votes. There was one abstention by an ExCom member who was also a candidate.

Strategic Planning Chair Bob Duggan recommended the book *The Earth is Flat* to members who are interested in strategic thinking. He noted that the author Tom Friedman of the NY Times will be on a Discovery Channel program the next evening.

The next ExCom meeting is scheduled for July 9 (10-noon, 2-4pm), reports due 6 July 2005. The next Region meeting is in Ft. Lauderdale 8-11 April 2005.

Director Harrison thanked members for their participation and adjourned the ExCom.

Respectively submitted,

David Green
Region 3 Secretary