

Region 3 Director-Elect Report **September 19, 2005**

1. All but one section in Region 3 submitted required reports and received their rebates for 2005.
2. Better coordination within areas/councils could improve the use of society distinguished lecturers so that nearby sections with the same society chapters could book speakers at minimum cost for local arrangements (societies typically pay air fare for their lecturers). This increases the section activity and provides added member benefits. Many societies have arrangements for chapter financial support, on application. Check society web sites for this and for their lists of distinguished lecturers.
3. Sections are encouraged to form Life Member Affinity Groups. Thirty-two sections in Region 3 have more than 20 life members, but only six are required to form a group (formerly, chapter). The group qualifies the section for a \$200 per year rebate from RAB, if the activity level is at least two meetings of any type per year. If there are six or more meetings, a \$75 bonus is also earned and paid. This is a good way to keep the life members as active volunteers. Having life members on the section committee improves the network, takes advantage of their experience and knowledge of IEEE, and aids in recruiting for assignments. See www.ieee.org/lmc for further information. There is an online community for life members at <https://www.ieeecommunities.org/lifemembers>, currently with 158 members. There is also a speakers' list.
4. Two Region 3 sections with life member groups need new chairs for them. They are Palm Beach and Charlotte.
5. Sections are encouraged to schedule S-PACs and M-PACs for the benefit of their membership. A SPAC recently held by the Tallahassee section (now including Panama City) attracted 70 attendees. PACE chair Thomas Bellarmine noted that he planned the event months in advance with the aid of Region 3 PACE Coordinator, Adeeb Hamzey and SPAC coordinator, Jim Howard.. The three speakers covered topics including "Policy Makers and Engineers," "Careers and the Global Market," and "Outsourcing and its Effect on Career Strategies."
6. Teacher in-service training was received by Region 3 sections in Atlanta. Region 3 is pioneering in expanding this program to support IEEE's pre-college initiative program. Doug Gorham reports that a website is being developed in cooperation with IBM, to be called www.tryengineering.org. It will be a counterpart to the successful www.tryscience.org. A trial version is found at www.targetmarketing.org/cpcep/
7. The IEEE Region 3 Forum is still available, and the number of members signed up has grown to 45. The dominant group using it continues to be the Reg. 3 Communications Committee. The entire Region 3 committee should be signed up, including all section chairs.
8. IEEE aliases are important – as mentioned at the Region 3 Forum, they convey professional stature that does not accrue to a AOL, Juno, Hotmail, or Yahoo address. Also important is the continuity aspect in receiving email. When you shift to another ISP, there is only one notification required -- to redirect the alias -- rather than hundreds (and avoids the risk of not notifying some of your correspondents).
9. This becomes crucial if you occupy a volunteer position in IEEE. All communications to you will go to the email address in the roster. If you change ISP and don't change the roster, you are cut off from receiving valuable support for your volunteer activities. This has happened, at the section chair level, resulting in section members complaining that the council and region offered no support to the section!
10. Another advantage of aliases is that they can usually be linked nemonically to your name, so that it is easy for correspondents to reach you without having to do a lookup on your email address.
11. Worth mentioning is that the IEEE on-line rosters include a search function, where you can enter the name and, if that person has any volunteer position shown in the TAB or RAB rosters, the information comes back quickly.
To sign up go to <https://www.ieeecommunities.org/region3>

1. A list of section program ideas is presented, courtesy of Region 5 director John Meredith:
2. Hybrid automobiles
3. Wind energy
4. Solar energy
5. Power system reliability
6. Careers in engineering (Panel discussion)
7. Homeland security
8. Emergency preparedness (portable power, etc.)
9. How technology affects our lives
10. S-PACs
11. M-PACs
12. Local industry career opportunities
13. Plant/facility tours
14. Why pursue graduate studies?
15. Voice over Internet

16. Types of meetings

- Technical
- Social (picnics, excursions...)
- Awards
- Joint meetings

17. Meeting formats

- Dinner, with speaker
- Lunch, with speaker
- Early evening
- Saturday open-house (drop-in)
- Panel discussions
- Workshops/educational

18. Other thoughts

- Section should have a program committee with several programs in the hopper
 - Understand the needs and wants of the members
 - Publicize meetings – e-notes are effective; authorized by section chair www.ieee.org/enotice
 - Select convenient times, locations
 - Reasonable cost to attend
 - Use meetings to recruit members, promote membership upgrades
19. Report meetings promptly (L-31, online)

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