

From: Bill Harrison, Region 3 Director  
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Region 3 will hold its second face-to-face Region Meeting for 2005 in conjunction with Sections Congress 2005 in Tampa. Please be there to greet the world of 300-plus IEEE sections as the host region for SC2005. Jim Howard, Dave Green, Quang Tang, John Twitchell, and their team are doing a great job preparing for the event.

Director-elect, George McClure, has years of IEEE experience in many areas from local to IEEE-USA to world-wide IEEE events and activities. We look forward to George's leadership for the next two years.

We also look forward to Monday and Wednesday evening E-meetings to conduct Region 3's business and prepare for our abbreviated Region 3 Meeting on Friday morning before Sections Congress convenes. We will meet Friday, October 14 from 8am, through lunch, ending about 2pm. Then SC2005 convenes.

I would hope most issues can be dealt with on the E-conferences. If there are burning R3 issues we need to discuss and debate, we can introduce them, then deal with them electronically before year end. We will set date and time for our last E-Conference Region/ExCom meeting at the R3 meeting in Tampa.

## **ONGOING REGION 3 ACTIVITIES**

Ongoing Region 3 Committee and R3 ExCom areas of concentration include:

- Leadership Development (ongoing and special leadership training activities)
- Special Project - Leadership by Developing Others (LDO)
- Membership Development Challenges
- Newsletter/Communications with Members
- SSVR (Section Support Via Regions) funds for Section-initiated projects
- Preparation for Sections Congress 2005

We look forward to reports on these projects, as well as reports from R3 standing and ad hoc committees.

## **TEACHER IN-SERVICE PROGRAM (TISP)**

Region 3, especially the Florida West Coast Section, and some other Florida Sections, was involved in early pilot activities with the Teacher In-Service Program. Region 3 was asked to expand to a second phase of the pilot, and then it will be further expanded to other regions. Doug Gorham and Moshe Kam attended our Region Meeting at SECon in Ft. Lauderdale and explained the plans and objectives of TISP.

More than half of our 41 regions were represented at the 23 July TISP meeting in Atlanta. Again Region 3's volunteers have stepped forward to lead the Institute. Funding will continue in 2006 for this program. Other regions are clamoring to get onboard for 2006 funds.

### **CONGRESSIONAL VISITS DAY (Repeat of June report)**

Bill Harrison, R3 Director, and George McClure, Director Elect, along with about 20 other IEEE volunteers, participated in IEEE-USA's Tenth Annual Congressional Visits Day in Washington, DC on 10 - 11 May. The core issue presented to Senators and Representatives was that the US must continue to invest in basic research if our country is to provide technological leadership in the global economy. There are specific Federal budget line items being threatened that the US cannot afford to cut. Over 40 other scientific and technical societies, represented by 250 persons, also participated in CVD.



**George McClure, 2006 – 2007 Region 3 Director**  
**Bill Harrison, 2004 – 2005 Region 3 Director**

### **SCOUT JAMBOREE**

Bill Harrison and Joey Duvall attended the Scout Jamboree at Ft. A. P. Hill in Virginia in July. Regional Activities Board (RAB) VP Marc Apter, IEEE President Cleon Anderson, and a number of other IEEE dignitaries joined the 40,000 plus scouts. IEEE was instrumental in staging a merit badge program for electricity, electronics and computers. Ralph Russell has led this activity for 25 years. Region 3, and IEEE have provided continuing support, both at the region level, and at the RAB level with motions and monetary support. Ralph and his associates are to be highly commended for their dedication and hard, hard work.

## **INDUSTRY RELATIONS**

I have continued to serve on the Ad Hoc Industry Relations Committee at the IEEE Board of Directors level. Lee Stogner, R3 ExCom Membership Director (including Industry Relations and Public Relations), and I attended an IR Committee meeting in late August. The Ad Hoc IR committee is working towards Memoranda of Understanding with large companies such as Boeing.

Lee and I took the position that we should not only work with giant corporations that employ EE's, but we should also work with smaller companies who employ IEEE members, or prospective members. Others seem to be focusing on large corporations only.

## **LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR REED THOMPSON**

Most of you know Reed Thompson, a long term, dedicated, Region 3 volunteer. Reed is suffering from prostate cancer. Bob Duggan, R3 Strategic Planning Committee Chairman, took the lead to expedite approval and presentation one of the three annual Regional Activities Board Leadership awards for Reed (sorry R3 A&R folks, time was of the essence – Marc Apter, RAB VP, and IEEE HQ staff worked diligently to make this award happen quickly).

Bob Duggan, his wife Kathleen, Dick Riddle, Margaret Thompson, and I were there for the presentation of the award at a Charleston, SC hospital– an extremely moving ceremony.

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