

Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 ExCom E-Conference

12 March 2007

Attendees: James Beall, David Bower, William Clayton*, J. Patrick Donohoe*, Robert S. Duggan, Jr., Devon Gayle*, David G. Green*, Chris Hardy*, William Harrison*, Charles E. Hickman*, Don Hill*, Keith Judus*, Charles J. Lord*, George F. McClure (chair)*, John Parr*, Mary Ellen Randall*, William B. Ratcliff*, James N. Remich, Richard L. Riddle*, Wilfred A. Roberts, Lee Stogner* (* → voting members)

David Green, serving as facilitator as requested by Director McClure, convened the ExCom at 9:00 pm Eastern. Director McClure welcomed everyone to the e-conference and thanked them for their participation.

The agenda was reviewed and adopted including the consent agenda:

- Received the reports listed in the Information Agenda.
- Approved the minutes of its 27 January 2007 meeting.
- Approved the minutes of its special 26 February 2007 meeting.

The group took the following actions:

- Approved the expanded committee review schedule:
 - 2007 – Professional Activities, Membership Development
 - 2008 – Conferences, Educational Activities
 - 2009 – Strategic Planning, Finance
 - 2010 – Student Activities, Audit
 - 2011 – Awards and Recognition, Nominations & Appointments
 - 2012 – Communications, Leadership Development & Regional Support
- Approved Region 3 ExCom Asynchronous Voting Procedure and recommend Region 3 Committee Asynchronous Voting Procedure as recommended by Region 3 Communications by synchronous vote on 21 February 2007:

Asynchronous Voting Procedure

Prior Discussion

Discussion of the issue may occur either by synchronous or asynchronous means but an opportunity for discussion must have existed. This requirement may be satisfied by many means including but not limited to

- Face-to-face discussion at an announced meeting
- IRC at an announced meeting
- Teleconference at an announced meeting
- Asynchronous discussion: e-mail, newsgroup, etc.

where the opportunity to discussed as been announced by e-mail and the opportunity for discussion lasts at least one week and one day. The ongoing discussion shall be available to all voters of the group.

The purpose of the prior discussion is to expose all relevant sides of an issue and to have informed voters. The discussion should lead to something that can be voted upon that appears to have a good chance to of passing.

Voting

The voting materials will include a note as to how prior discussion occurred. At this time, a voting member will be asked to cast their vote. They may vote YES, NO, ABSTAIN for the motion within seven days. They may also add additional commentary as to why

they vote the way they do. During this time, any member may change their vote by sending a new vote and disavowing their old vote. This would allow someone to be swayed by an argument by a 'later' voter. It is not possible to offer an amendment during the voting cycle.

- Approved the awarding of an Exemplary Section Award to the Melbourne.

Treasurer Hickman noted that a transfer of \$20,000 into the Region 3 Concentration banking account related to the collection of the Region 3 Assessment was about to occur. He noted this was much earlier in the year than past transfers.

The ExCom reviewed plans for the Region 3 Meeting and the agenda for the formal part of that meeting. Membership Development Committee Chair Lee Stogner noted that 10 people had registered thus far for the special training on 24 March 2007 and it is still possible to register to participate.

The ExCom discussed the time of the next Region meeting and decided on 26-28 October. The group discussed various locations including Atlanta, Birmingham, Huntsville, and Richmond. Interested parties will supply information to Director McClure for further consideration.

Jim Remich expressed the need for improvements in the officer reporting process. The group provided some responses and the issue is the subject of ongoing discussions.

Director McClure will announce the date and time of next ExCom soon.

Having completed its business, the ExCom was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green
Secretary