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Updated per Jim Beall (on Southcon) and Wah Wah Myint Garris (report)

Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 ExCom E-Conference

08 September 2008

Attendees: Eric Ackerman*, David Bower, Jim Conrad*, J. Patrick Donohoe*, Robert S. Duggan, Jr., Joey Duvall, Willie Fitzpatrick, David G. Green*, Wah Wah Myint Garris, Adeeb Hamzey*, Sean Haynes, Charles E. Hickman*, Don Hill*, William Labelle, Charles J. Lord*, George F. McClure*, John Montague*, John Parr*, Mary Ellen Randall*, William B. Ratcliff* (chair), Richard L. Riddle*, Susan Ronning, Butch Shadwell, Lee Stogner* (* → voting members)

David Green, serving as facilitator as requested by Director Ratcliff, convened the ExCom at 9:00 pm EDT. Director Ratcliff welcomed everyone to the e-conference and thanked them for their participation. The group used the new conferencing bridge service with Skype, toll-free 1-888, and long distance dialing along with IRC and web pages to accomplish its work.

The agenda was reviewed and adopted including the consent agenda:

- Received the reports listed in the Information Agenda
- ExCom to approve minutes of its 28 July 2008 meeting

The officers reviewed items from their written reports.

Director Bill Ratcliff thanked everyone for their help in encouraging Sections Congress attendance. He looks forward to the meeting in Quebec.

Director-Elect Lee Stogner reviewed IEEE and Region 3 MDC efforts. He invited everyone to attend the MDC meeting on Saturday.

Treasurer Hickman received a check for \$12,526.11 to close out the SouthCon bank account.

Past Director George McClure reported on efforts on Region 3 N&A. He is coordinating liaisons to IEEE-USA.

Action Agenda

None.

Discussion Agenda

Past-Director and N&A Chair George McClure reviewed progress. Dick Riddle asked about training of new vice chairs. Director Ratcliff urged everyone to communicate suggestions to George as soon as possible.

Director Ratcliff discussed preparations for Sections Congress 2008. Sean Haynes discussed his plans for communicating with the expected Region attendees. Treasurer Hickman discussed arrangements for master billing for Sections Congress. He reported that due to IEEE Sections Congress contracts only the Hilton Quebec, Lowes and the Chateau can be master-billed. He reported that Dan Toland is willing to work with the Sections if they wish to participate in master billing. There will be a shuttle between the Best Western and the Sections Congress meeting location.

Director Ratcliff briefed the group on the theme for the discussions and work at Sections Congress. Director Ratcliff reviewed the note he distributed prior to the meeting. He challenged everyone to think about how integral the member is to the whole IEEE operation and how the Sections should internalize this. He suggested several ways that Region 3 could assist sections in moving forward the member engagement model. The Region is responsible (by the end of the Region Caucus in Quebec) for bringing four (4) draft recommendations to the congress.

Conference Committee Chair Don Hill briefed the committee on upcoming conferences and conference committee plans. Willie Fitzpatrick reported that Huntsville expects to have a

surplus of approximately \$60K after audit. Don Hill remarked that efforts to have conferences to our members will receive the focus of his committee's work over the next year. Jim Conrad reported that the 2010 Conference will have vendors participating more actively in the parts of the program.

Awards Chair Mary Ellen Randall briefed the group on upcoming awards and activities of the awards committee. The MGA awards are coming up in October and invited members to make nominations. She reported on the development of a month by month master calendar that would assist potential nominators in planning their efforts.

Round Table

Bill Labelle reported that the Region newsletter is out. The next newsletter will be produced in December with details to follow. Pat Donohoe noted that Expert Now is now available for Section and Chapters for their use as a program. David Bower reported that the Region 3 booth is ready for Sections Congress. Adeb Hamzey reviewed plans for upcoming SPACs and MPACs. Wah Wah Myint Garris reported that the GOLD is running well and that most members were interested in student outreach programs.

Director Ratcliff announced the next ExCom would be 27 October 2008 9-11pm EDT using the conference bridge and IRC. He said that he looks forward to seeing everyone in

Having completed its business, the ExCom was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green
Secretary