

MINUTES FROM IEEE REGION 3 MEETING

QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC, CANADA

18 SEPTEMBER 2008

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Director Bill Ratcliff. Tom Smith was introduced as a guest. David A. Conner gave a presentation related to the IEEE Foundation activities. Each attendee was asked to introduce himself/herself with a brief review of Section/Region responsibilities.

REGION 3 MEETING – PART 1

Agenda was approved, including two items on the consent agenda: Receive reports listed in the Information Agenda and approve minutes of the 6 April 2008 Region Committee meeting.

Officer Reports

- Director Ratcliff – Report posted
- Director Elect Stogner – Discussed plans to grow membership
- Secretary Green – Report posted
- Treasurer Hickman – Discussed procedure for reimbursement of expenses for attendees at Region and Sections Congress meetings
- Past Director McClure – Report posted

Action Agenda

- Nominations and Appointments Chair McClure requested names for Director Elect 2010/11 candidates, 2009 committee members and IEEE-USA liaison members. No actions taken.

Recess

- Region 3 meeting recessed until approximately 4:00PM

PLENARY SESSION – REGION 3 PERSPECTIVE of SECTIONS CONGRESS

Director Ratcliff moderated a meeting to set the stage for developing Region 3 caucus recommendations. The following items were included on a handout “IEEE Sections Congress 2008 Region Caucus Recommendation” and PowerPoint presentations.

- IEEE vision and mission
- MGA vision and mission
- Region 3 vision and mission
- Common threads
 - Several questions about the paradigm (model) shift raised
 - Member engagement

- Relationship with the member
- Region 3 focus 2008
- The new “Vocabulary” of IEEE
- My professional home
- Strategic considerations
- What do these items mean from the Sections Congress perspective?
- Critical success factors

CHALLENGES/BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTING THE MEMBER PARADIGM

Charles Lord described the process to be used to develop and rank the Region 3 recommendations for Sections Congress consideration. Brainstorming sessions related to the challenges/barriers were conducted related to the following levels: personal, Section, Region, Institute.

After the brainstorming sessions, a committee was formed to consolidate the ideas and to develop a set of recommendations for Region 3 consideration at its caucus on 19 September 2008.

RESUME REGION 3 MEETING

Director Ratcliff asked if attendees wished to add information to the reports previously submitted. Matthew Erickson, Region Student Representative, summarized items discussed in the Student Activities Committee meeting held on 17 September 2008.

Director Ratcliff gave a preview of Sections Congress activities planned.

The next Region 3 meeting is scheduled for 8 March 2008 in Atlanta (SoutheastCon 2009).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.