

Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 ExCom E-Conference

08 December 2008

Attendees: Eric Ackerman*, William Clayton*, Jim Conrad*, Pat Donohoe*, Bob Duggan, Joey Duvall*, David G. Green*, Roy Harris, Sean Haynes, Charles E. Hickman*, Don Hill*, Keith Judus*, William LaBelle, Charles Lord*, George McClure*, John Montague*, John Parr*, Mary Ellen Randall, William B. Ratcliff (chair)*, Richard L. Riddle*, Susan Ronning, Wilfred Roberts, Lee Stogner*, Gregg Vaughn, Tom Weldon
(* → voting members)

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

The ExCom approved agenda and the following items on the consent agenda:

- Receiving the reports listed in the Information Agenda
- Approved the minutes of 9 September 2008 ExCom Teleconference

Director Ratcliff reviewed the year with a focus on the items leading to (and culminating in) Sections Congress 2008. He then introduced items from his distributed report that would be in the discussion agenda later in the meeting. He urged using a data driven approach in our efforts. He announced that he has appointed Lee Stogner to lead an Ad Hoc Committee to plan, develop and implement measures to respond to the economic impact to the members of IEEE in Region 3. He thanked members for their hard work in 2008 and challenged the group to keep it moving forward.

Director-Elect Stogner reviewed his report and gave his thoughts on the Ad Hoc Committee. He solicited everyone's input and requested interested volunteers contact him.

Secretary Green asked Area/Council Chairs to help their sections report new officers and to keep contact information up to day.

Treasurer Hickman reported that Region expenses for SoutheastCon was approximately \$50K with most expense reports received and processed.

Past Director George McClure reviewed action of the N&A and solicited nominations from the ExCom for both Director-Elect as well as the various Region 3 committees. The IEEE web site <http://www.ieee.org/web/volunteers/sections-congress/2008/index.html> has a summary of what happened along with the archive of the presentations.

Discussion Agenda

Director Ratcliff led a group discussion on a Sections Congress 2008 retrospective. The review covered the process, participation, and general feelings about the event. Overall, the group felt that it was a very good event with a lot of useful ideas and issues to follow up on.

Conference Committee Don Hill reviewed the status of SoutheastCon 2009 that will be held 6-8 March 2009 in Atlanta, GA. The need for a printed registration form was discussed. Don Hill will follow up with the conference organizers.

Lee Stogner asked for volunteers to help on the ad hoc committee about the economic downturn and its impact on Region 3.

Treasurer Hickman requested input from those responsible for line items in the 2009 Budget by the 15th of December.

N&A Chair George McClure reported that N&A was nominating Dr. Eric Ackerman and Prof. David Green as candidates for 2010-11 Delegate/Director-Elect. He reviewed the process from his report for submitting additional nominations.

Bill Clayton and Newsletter Editor Bill LaBelle reviewed plans and status of the Region 3 Newsletter for the next newsletter. This newsletter goes to all Region 3 members and articles for this edition should be focused on this audience. Another newsletter, targeted to Region 3 volunteers, will be distributed in about three months.

Director Ratcliff led a discussion about volunteer training. Does the training model need to change? Several ideas were floated for training as well as keeping track of who has received the training.

Bill Clayton noted the availability of some self-standing displays and asked if the Region should facilitate their use in the sections. Bill will follow-up and take appropriate action.

Director Ratcliff announced that the next ExCom meeting would be 12 January 2009 at 9 – 11pm EST. He thanked everyone for their participation and noted that IEEE had the opportunity to significantly contribute to the member, the profession, and the common good of humanity.

Having completed its business, Director Ratcliff adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green
Secretary