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Atlanta Section Report for March 2010 Region 3 Meeting.

There are no items that require R3 attention at this time. This report is being submitted by Jill Gostin, Vice Chair of the Atlanta Section.

Section Activities:

The Atlanta Section has 14 chapters/affinity groups and 6 student chapters. During 2009, the Section and its chapters/affinity groups hosted over 50 meetings. Our annual banquet was held in May, with attendance of approximately 80. The Section successfully co-hosted SoutheastCon 2009, along with the Georgia Tech Student Branch. We also initiated discussions with Curtis Lee, Area Chair, about having a family gathering in order to celebrate IEEE's 125th anniversary. These conversations resulted in an Area Picnic held in Macon, Georgia, at the Robins Air Museum. We are planning on continuing to have an Area "family event" annually.

A new WIE Affinity Group has just been formed, and we've been told that we may have a new Student Branch soon. We will continue the tradition of our annual banquet on 22 April, with a talk that will entertain both the engineers and their guests – the DARPA Red Balloon Challenge. The 2010 Section officers are re-focusing efforts on our membership and on supporting our many chapters and affinity groups. In an effort to focus on our members, over 2,800 people have been contacted so far this year, about either renewing their membership or about elevating their membership grade to Senior Member. Every committee is being re-evaluated as to what its role should be in the Section, and the best person to chair that committee will be selected. We believe that these and other changes being made will improve our ability to be a member-driven Section. The changes should all be in place by the end of April. We anticipate a highly successful year in 2010.

Section officers for 2010:

Chair: Bill Marshall
Vice Chair: Jill Gostin
Secretary: Abby Vogel
Treasurer: Kristin Bing
Past Chair: Joy Mazumdar

Respectfully submitted by
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