


From: Bill Tiedemann <bill_tiedemann@ieee.org>
Subject: [IEEE R3-ExCom2010] Section Governance Committee
Date: March 17, 2010 12:33:58 PM CDT
To: "Vaughn, Gregg L" <g.vaughn@ieee.org>, "sec-r03@ieee.org" <sec-r03@ieee.org>, "r3-excom2010@ieee.org" <r3-excom2010@ieee.org>
Reply-To: Bill Tiedemann <bill_tiedemann@ieee.org>
Security:  Signed (Albert William (Bill) Tiedemann)

IEEE Region 3 Local Geographic Unit Structure & Governance Committee Report for March 2010 Region 3 ExCom & Committee Meetings

I. Status of Committee Objectives including initiatives and projects

The IEEE Region Committee on Local Geographic Unit Structure & Governance (also known as Section Governance Committee) was chartered in 2009 (by the 2008-2009 Region 3 Director) to develop a standard set of bylaws with an accompanying operations plan template for all Region 3 local geographic units (sections, subsections, chapters, and affinity groups). That committee charter expired on 31-December-2009 (without the work of the committee being completed).

It was not known (by the volunteer submitting this report) that the 2010-2011 Region 3 Director wished to reestablish this committee (with this volunteer as chair) for 2010 until very recently. Therefore, no work has been conducted on this project in 2010.

II. Issues needing attention by the ExCom

As the conditions have changed from when this committee was chartered for 2009, it is the considered opinion of this committee chair that a new charter for 2010 must be developed and approved, which would require action (at a minimum) by this committee's chair and the Region 3 Director.

This committee chair intends to submit such a draft charter, for review, in the coming month.

III. Notable accomplishments and problems of the Committees

There is one notable change to organizing and governing documents for U.S. local geographic units of which the leadership for sections, subsection, chapters and affinity groups (as well as councils and some student branches) should be aware:

In response to an inquiry made by this committee chair regarding apparent incongruities between the IEEE MGA Operations Manual and the U.S. Tax Code and IRS Regulations, IEEE MGA and finance legal staffs have confirmed that the IRS has a requirement that each geographic unit (with a US Tax Identification Number) needs an organizing document. The list of IEEE Units that have TIN includes 6 Regions, 9 Geographic Councils, 164 Sections, 1 Subsection, and 4 Student Branches.

These organizing documents have been created by IEEE MGA and have been posted to the IEEE Global History Network (<http://www.ieeeahn.org/>). To review your organizing document, simply follow the preceding link, enter your unit's name in the

search box, select the link to your unit's history,
then click on the link entitled:

IEEE Geographic Unit Organizing Document - [Unit Name]