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To: Region 3 ExCom, Region 3 Committee

Subject: Region 3 Past Director Report

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The summer vacations for many IEEE Sections are rapidly drawing to a close and the fall activities are starting up , How well the activities of the section, student branches, technical chapters engage the member to become involved, impart insight and knowledge for , personal growth and development and help advance technology for the common good are the primary areas of concentration and focus.

The base of volunteers are essential to the success of the section / chapter / student branch activities. Do we have a sufficient base of volunteers now?... next year? ... the next 5 years? Now is the time to institute a process to assure a continuous stream of committed, skilled, enthusiastic volunteers. Two primary ingredients must be present ... Identification and Engagement. Obviously other elements like recognition and award are also important but early identification and on-going engagement are critical.

As you discover the potential in our members please be sure and share that information with your fellow volunteers and remember the regional volunteers as well (you can drop me a note anytime).

The next phase of the Region 3 Nominations and Appointments activities will include a formal call for *nominations from the floor* for Region 3 Director Elect 2012-2013, which is targeted to be distributed in the next 2 weeks. The committee has received 2 nominations to this point. The selection of the Region 3 slate is targeted for the Fall Region Meeting.

The remainder of my time has been spent with other duties...

- IEEE Strategic Planning Committee Chair
- New Initiatives Committee member

Respectfully submitted,



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