

AREA 9 REPORT FOR MARCH 7, 20, 2011, REGION 3 EXCOM, NASHVILLE

Introduction

Jamaica's position in Region 3 is very well cemented and has become a normal part of the fabric of the Region. The achievements over the years have helped the Section to gain recognition as a member of this community.

The Officers and ExCom of the IEEE Jamaica Section, the Jamaica Chapter of the IEEE Communications Society, the Jamaica Chapter of the IEEE Computer Society, and the Student Branch of the University of Technology, (UTECH) is in place. Our reports (L50, L31s, Current Officers, Committee and Chapter Chairs) have been submitted. The Officers of the IEEE Jamaica Section for the year 2011 are:

Daniel Tulloch-Reid – Chair, Carolyn Ferguson – Secretary, David H. Miller – Treasurer.

The Area 9 Chair is Wilfred A. Roberts.

We are in the process of filling the Vice Chair position as we are currently in discussion with one of our Section members.

SoutheastCon 2011

Despite several challenges, such as logistics, financing, among many others, the UTech Student Branch plans to participate in SoutheastCon 2011 Student Conference. In attendance will be Student Branch Chair, Kimroy Bailey, Student Member, Brent Richards from last year's Conference and other student members. Representing Jamaica will be Section Chair, Daniel Tulloch-Reid, Student Activities Coordinator, SoutheastCon 2003 Conference Committee, Dr. Dave Muir and Region 3, Area 9 Chair, Wilfred A. Roberts.

IEEE-USA Annual Meeting 2011

The Jamaica Section was represented by PACE Chair Dr. Halden A. Morris at the IEEE-USA Annual Meeting held in Austin Texas March 3-6, 2011.

Student Activities

The Student Branch of the University of Technology, Jamaica remains committed to the ideals of the IEEE.

Mr. Vincent Hewitt the longest serving Student Branch Counselor in the IEEE Jamaica Section has continued to serve at UTECH.

Education Society

Last year the Jamaica Section started an Education Society and meetings were held jointly with the Section. This year the society, Chaired by Dr. Halden Morris, plans to have an official launch which did not take place in November 2010 as originally thought. It is anticipated this society will have regularly scheduled meetings this year.

Power Society

The Section also started the process for creating a Power society in the later part of 2010. There has been a great deal of interest in this area and it is anticipated that this year it will be officially formed.

Consultancy Affinity Group - Jamaica

The group was approved on December 30, 2010. Note that no activity was undertaken during the year except the workshop/seminar on Consultancy in October at which this group was formed. The financial activity for this event is reported through IEEE Jamaica Section.

Website - IEEE Jamaica Section

Webmaster Milverton Moore continues to keep the website current and provides valuable information for the Jamaica Section and Region 3. The IEEE Jamaica Section Website serves as our newsletter and the URL is as follows: <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/jamaica>.

Section Retreat 2011

In January the section met for the first time for 2011 to have our Annual Section Retreat. The Retreat included a critical review of the events of last year and developed a plan with a complete schedule of activities for the year.

Jamaica Section Bid Proposal for SouthEastCon 2015.

In 2009, the Jamaica Section was offered and accepted the invitation to bid and host SouthEastCon 2015. Since then generous attention has been given to the bid proposal for this conference and the Section is now in its final stages of completion. The initial bid proposal was submitted prior to the start of SouthEastCon 2010.

James M. Conrad, PhD, PE, PMP, Associate Department Chair and Associate Professor, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, UNC-Charlotte, NC, jmconrad@uncc.edu, has agreed to serve as our “mentor”.

E-Conference Meetings

The IEEE Jamaica Section Chair and the Region 3 Area 9 Chair have joined Region 3 EXCOM – full participation in the E-Conference Meetings to date. It is also our intention to participate in the planned Region 3 meetings.

Respectfully submitted:

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