

AREA 9 REPORT FOR MARCH 5, 2012, REGION 3 EXCOM

Introduction

The Jamaica Section convened its Annual Retreat and commenced our planning of goals and objectives for 2012 on January 18, 2012. The Jamaica Sections plans to actively participate in Region 3 Meetings this year as we have in past years to achieve the goals of the Section and of the Region.

Goals & Objectives:

- Increasing membership attendance and participation in meetings
 - Push e-membership for existing and new members.
 - Appoint an active Membership Development Chair. (Existing MD is on study leave in China)
- Push Member Engagement in collaboration with Region 3 and MGA
- Host a successful SPAC
- Increase Student Branch attendance & participation in SoutheastCon 2012 to maintain or exceed previous attendance and performance
- Participation in Regional & PACE Activities pertaining to the IEEE USA Annual Conference in May 2012
- Implement succession planning for current Officers, Chapters and Standing Committee Chairs

Member Engagement Activities:

SoutheastCon 2012

The Section plans to send representatives to SouthEastCon 2012. The representatives have registered with the conference and made the necessary travel arrangements.

Jamaica Section Administrative Reports

All the required section reports were submitted for 2011.

UTech Student Branch

The University of Technology (UTech) Student Branch plans to participate in the SouthEastCon 2012 Student Competition and is in the process of completing their travel arrangements.

UWI Student Branch

University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus has indicated that they plan to participate in the SouthEastCon 2012 Student Competitions. This year, several UWI students joined IEEE and paid their dues. For a few years the Branch was not active however neither the Section nor the student members were made aware that the Branch was removed from the IEEE List of Student Branches. To participate in the Student Competitions the members must be a part of a registered student branch. The region has asked that the UWI Students complete a petition.

The UWI Student Branch was originally established in 2002 and at that time given a School code: STB 2511463.

e-Membership

As you are aware Jamaica is now eligible for the IEEE e-membership programme.

The full list of members was extracted from SAM IEEE with the view to contacting members whose IEEE membership was no longer active as well as members whose membership fees were in arrears. These persons have been contacted by email and the plan is to also contact by telephone and encourage them to renew their membership and take advantage of the e-membership rates. We plan to focus on this during the remainder of the year to improve our membership.

Website - IEEE Jamaica Section

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

Jamaica Section Bid Proposal for SoutheastCon 2015.

Subsequent to our meeting with members of the Region 3 Conference Committee in San Francisco we visited Sunset Jamaica Grande to renegotiate the energy charge. However the negotiations were not encouraging. As a result we initiated discussions with The Hilton Rose Hall as an alternate location for hosting SoutheastCon 2015. The Hilton confirmed that the dates for the Conference are available and have submitted a proposal to the Section. The committee is now in the process of reviewing the proposal which appears favorable.

Barriers:

At present the Section has a few core persons who are members of the ExCom that are very active, however, there are positions within the ExCom that need to be filled and the challenge is to have other IEEE members take on these leadership positions.

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