

Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 ExCom Meeting

4 June 2012

Attendees:

David Green	Ken Pigg
Gregg Vaughn	Paul Goodson
Don Hill	Bill Ratcliff
Wilfred Roberts	Josh Shank
Tom Weldon	Daniel Tulloch-Reid
Jim Anderson	Mark Torres
Samer Meshreki	Eric Ackerman
Mary Ellen Randall	John Montague
Chris Hardy	Lee Stogner
	Jeff Dowdell

0. Action Items

Previous Action Items from 23 April 2012 ExCom Meeting

0.1 <Completed Action Item> Regina Hannemann to supply expense reports for student Branches who sent representatives to SoutheastCon to Don Hill.

0.2 <Completed Action Item> Bill Ratcliff to send letter to sections about member engagement projects by 5 May 2012.

0.3 <Action Item> Regina Hannemann to furnish to Don Hill a list of student award winners from SoutheastCon 2012 so that appropriate checks for award amounts can be issued.

0.4 <Action Item> Regina Hannemann to publish a list of student award winners from SoutheastCon 2012 on the web site for the conference.

0.5 <Completed Action Item> Lee Stogner to send out the call for nominations for Director-Elect of the Region by 25 April 2012.

New Action Items

0.6 <Action Item> Lee Stogner and Sean Haynes to write a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for technical Societies who want to hold conferences in Region 3 with the help of Region 3 personnel.

0.7 <Action Item> All members of the ExCom to supply links to information of help to second-level section volunteers to r3-training-info@ieee.org. Richmond Section Vice-Chair Samer Meshreki will organize, distribute, and report the results. Mary Ellen Randall will provide support as needed.

0.8 <Action Item> Mary Ellen Randall and Charles Hickman to make a list (or a list of lists) of Region 3 award winners.

1. ExCom Meeting

Director Green welcomed the ExCom members to the e-conference at 9:05 PM EST and thanked them for their participation. Director Green reviewed the plans for the evening. The group used IEEE's WebEx Web Meeting service.

2. The agenda was reviewed and approved including the consent agenda.

3. The consent agenda consisted of these items.

- Received the reports listed in the Information Agenda
- Approved the minutes of its 23 April 2012 Meeting

4. Director Green presented his report highlighting items from his written report. He noted that Bill Harrison has agreed to serve as Chair of the Region 3 Nominations and Appointments Committee. He thanked Bill Labelle and contributors for the fine work on the Spring/Summer Region 3 Newsletter. The newsletter is now available on the Region 3 Web Site.

5. Director-Elect Randall presented her report. She attended the IEEE-USA Annual Meeting. She also attended the IEEE Awards Planning and Policy Committee Meeting. There was a follow-up email sent to all participants and section chairs about the member engagement workshop at SoutheastCon 2012 in Orlando.

6. Secretary Vaughn reported that all reports received by 7:00 PM EST today were posted to the web site. Those received after that time will be posted to the web site soon.

The results of the Doodle Poll concerning a weekend date for a possible Fall Region 3 Committee meeting are as follows:

17/19 available for 30 Nov – 2 Dec

12/19 available for 7 Dec – 9 Dec.

7. Treasurer Hill presented his report.

7.a Treasurer Hill presented a budget status of the year 2012 so far.

8. Past Director Stogner presented his report.

9. Action Agenda

9.a There were no items on the Action Agenda.

10. Discussion Agenda

10.a – N&A Call for Nominations. Past Director Stogner led the discussion about the Call for Nominations. He noted that the period for accepting nominations will end on 30 June 2012. The work of the Region 3 Nominations and Appointments Committee concerning the office of Director-Elect will be completed in a timely manner so that the Region Committee can take action at a meeting in late November or early December 2012.

10.b – New Income for Region 3. Past Director Stogner led the discussion about new income for the Region. He noted three ways to gain more income for the Region. (1) Focus on membership development. (2) Do workshops and conferences. However, these activities do not usually make very much surplus. (3) Emphasize Region 3 as a choice destination for Societies who want technical conferences. We might be able to form partnerships with Societies to help with local arrangements and then participate in a portion of the proceeds of conferences.

10.c – Member Engagement Example / Discussion. Director-Elect Randall led the discussion about Member Engagement. She gave an example of the Central North Carolina Section that held an event to honor Lonnie Baxter, a member who has contributed toward STEM. She said that many educators who do not usually attend IEEE events were present.

Director Green mentioned a Senior Member Rodeo that was held by the Minnesota Section to aid members in applying for Senior Member status.

Round Table

Director Green asked all participants in the teleconference to speak about whatever issues they had.

Bill Ratcliff mentioned the experiment in audio history by Charles Hickman.

Don Hill said that some of the expenses from SoutheastCon 2011 are still not resolved.

Eric Ackerman said that the updated Region 3 web site is up and running. So far he has heard no reports of missing files.

John Montague noted that IEEE is considering a proposal to eliminate out-of-date material from IEEE web sites. Several members expressed concern about archive sites. He also said that there was an opportunity for Sections to receive special funding from IEEE-USA for professional development activities.

Ken Pigg noted that there has been no recent information about the tax on unit reserves. Director Green commented that staff is now preparing information for the MGA Board meeting and information will be available just before or just after the late June meeting.

Mark Torres told about an especially good Section meeting about how the US power industry came to the aid of Japan in regard to the nuclear power disaster.

Samer Meshreki asked for help for second-level Section volunteers.

Tom Weldon asked for a list of Region 3 award recipients of all kinds.

Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Region 3 ExCom is scheduled for a teleconference on 30 July 2012.

Having concluded the agenda, Director Green adjourned the meeting at 10:26 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Vaughn
Secretary