AREA 9 REPORT FOR JUNE 4, 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:

The Section appointed a new Membership Development Chair - Mr. Christopher Udeagha. And he started off his office by presenting on the topic "IEEE InfoCom 2012 (Computer Communications), Experience & Benefits of IEEE "on Monday, May 14, 2012

Monthly Section Meetings
Last month the Section had a Technical Presentation by Mr. Christopher Udeagha of the UTech School of Computing & Information Technology (SCIT) on the "State of Wireless Communications And Its Health Effects".

On the Wednesday June 6, the Section will see another presentation by SCIT entitled: Surveillance for Wildlife Observation, Preservation and Protection by: Julian Jarrett, Shaun Ramsay, Grevon Smith, Nicholas Cunningham and Christopher Pearson.

IEEE USA Conference
The Section was represented at the IEEE USA Annual Conference in Cincinnati (May 3-6, 2012) by the attendance by our PACE Chair, Dr. Halden Morris. Coming out of this conference Dr. Morris has put forward a number of ideas for professional development events for the remainder of this year.

e-Membership
Jamaica is eligible for the IEEE e-membership programme.

The members who had not renewed this year, members who were found to be inactive and other interested persons were contacted by email last month to extend to them the opportunity to utilize e-membership and also the offer to pay half the price for membership for the remainder of the year. We plan to continue to focus on this membership drive 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 implemented the new IEEE web template in March and it has received very positive feedback. 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 negations 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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