

## AREA 9 REPORT FOR OCTOBER 15, 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:**

#### **Monthly Section Meetings**

Last month (September) the Section enjoyed a discussion on the activities planned for the remainder of the year by members of the ExCom. The members were informed of the IEEE election of officers and how to vote online. In addition, several guests were invited to the meeting and shown the benefits of membership and how to join IEEE.

Stephen Legister was appointed as the Nominations Committee Chair and the Jamaica Section members were informed of the nominees for the election of officers for 2013. The Section is ensuring that there is succession planning and that standing committees and new officers have been identified and training planned for the ExCom members.

#### **e-Membership**

Jamaica is eligible for the IEEE e-membership programme.

At the last Section meeting in September, the members were encouraged to utilize the early membership registration for 2013. Members who have not renewed this year, members who were found to be inactive and other interested persons will be contacted by email this month to extend to them the opportunity to utilize e-membership. We plan to continue to focus on this membership drive during the remainder of the year to improve our membership.

#### **Website - IEEE Jamaica Section**

In honour of Jamaica's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary our webmaster Milverton Moore created a special piece on one of the robots used in the competition at SouthEastCon 2012 by the University of Technology.

Milverton 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 at SoutheastCon 2012 we initiated further discussion with The Hilton Rose Hall for hosting SoutheastCon 2015.

The Hilton confirmed that the dates for the Conference are available and have submitted a proposal to the Section. The Hilton has also extended an invitation to have R3 Conference Committee members enjoy a complimentary visit to the Hotel Resort. The Jamaica Section has asked members of the Conference Committee, Sean Haynes and Jim Conrad to indicate and confirm when they will be available to visit.

#### **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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