

Region 3 Director Report

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Cc: Region 3 Committee
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Super Storm Sandy caused quite a bit of damage along the east coast. Many IEEE staff members were personally affected. Additionally, the IEEE Operations Center went dark essentially running out of gas. As reported earlier, the cloud services were not impacted, IEEE Xplore and Spectrum Online were recovered to another facility as was the email alias system although it did not work well. The IEEE Board Series was shortened and reduced in face-to-face participants due to the impact of the storm on staff and the general area. Several of the meetings were rescheduled or held by WebEx. The Board received a briefing of the events of the two weeks and will hear a full post mortem along with action items at a future meeting. I know that many Region 3 OUs were impacted by the non-availability of vTools and other IEEE services.

MGA has chosen its officers and committee members for 2013. Ralph Ford will be the new VP for Member and Geographic Activities. I expect a SCOOP to be distributed shortly with the committee members.

MGA also awarded its awards at this meeting, congratulations to

- Paul Goodson for receiving a 2012 MGA Achievement Award, and
- Dr. Heike Sichtig for receiving a 2012 MGA GOLD Achievement Award

Thanks to Mary Ellen Randall for organizing the successful webinar on Succession Planning, N&A and the vTools Voting Tool. Her team of presenters included Katherine Sylvia, Bill Ratcliff, and Bill Tiedemann who prepared and presented a very valuable webinar for Region 3. The webinar is online for those who missed the live presentation and the slide materials are also now online. Secretary Vaughn has linked them into the last meeting's agenda along with time marks to allow folks to look at specific sections. The meeting is at <http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/excom/meetings/2012-10/agendas.html#region3excom>.

Alas, the Professional Activities Webinar was impacted by a variety of issues including the unreliability of the alias system for both planning and advertising the meeting. John Montague will be proposing a new schedule for this webinar (in early 2013) soon.

Repeating my comments from last month... Awards Chair Charles Hickman as distributed the call for nominations for IEEE Region 3 Awards. Please strongly consider nominating those who have been making significant contributions to IEEE. The awards can only be given to those who are nominated so this first step is exceptionally important!

The Region 3 meeting plans for the rest of the year include

- December 3 - Region 3 Teleconference
- December 10 - Region 3 ExCom Teleconference (if needed)

All of these meetings will start at 9pm Eastern and utilize WebEx.

Thanks to Bill Ratcliff, Ron Ogan, and Butch Shadwell who are supporting the rejuvenation of the Mobile Section. There should be a short report on this action by Bill Ratcliff.

ExCom Member Action Items:

- Area/Council Chairs (and others) please contact your sections and make sure they are filing their meeting reports with vTools Meetings tool and are prepared to submit their end of the year finances through the NetSuite tool. Please report back if there is a need for Region-based training or assistance in these areas.
- Area/Council Chairs (and others) please emphasize the importance of the Region 3 Teleconference on 3 December where the Region will approve the slate of candidates for Region 3 Director-Elect/Delegate-Elect for 2014–15.

Activities since last report

- 17 October - IEEE-USA Board Meeting (teleconference)
- 19–20 October - Proctor for IEEE XTreme Programming Contest
- 26 October - Alabama Section ExCom (teleconference)
- 31 October - IEEE-USA Annual Meeting Review Committee
- 9–12 November - IEEE MGA Meeting, IEEE Assembly, IEEE Board of Directors

Region 3 Addresses

R3 Web Site: <http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3>

Facebook: Search for “IEEE Region 3”

Blog: <http://ieeer3.blogspot.com>

Twitter: r3ieee

Calendar: r3ieee@gmail.com (Region 3 planned meetings)

Calendar: <https://meetings.vtools.ieee.org/meetings/ical/0/90/asc/3>

(all meetings in Region 3 in vTools)

R3 Online Community: <https://region3.oc.ieee.org> (uses IEEE Credentials)

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!