

## AREA 9 REPORT FOR DECEMBER 03, 2012, REGION 3 EXCOM

### Introduction

The IEEE Jamaica Section convened its Annual Retreat and commenced our planning of goals and objectives for the administrative year 2012, on January 18, 2012.

### 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

### Activities of the IEEE Jamaica Section for the year 2012

#### ELECTION OF SECTION OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2013.

Officers for the Jamaica Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers are to be elected for the Year 2013.

The current Officers are as follows:

Chair - Mr. Daniel Tulloch-Reid

Vice-Chair - Dr. Dave Muir

Secretary - Ms. Carolyn Ferguson

Treasurer - Mr. David H. Miller

The Nominating Committee has made the following nominations for the Year 2013:

Chair - Dr. Dave Muir

Vice-Chair – Mr. Dwight Reid

Secretary - Ms. Carolyn Ferguson

Treasurer - Mr. David H. Miller

#### **The Schedule of Technical Meetings Planned and Held for the Year 2012 Follows:**

**In addition the ExCom met monthly and updated the planned activities for the Section and each presentation.**

Month	Activities	Responsibility	Topic	
January 18	Jamaica Section Retreat 2010.	Section, COMSOC & Computer Society Chapters	Planning & Strategy.	ExCom
February	Administrative Meeting	Section		
February 1	Technical Meeting	Section.	Section Leadership Training and ... work done in new Technology R&D	Mr. Percy "Bu
March	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom		
	Technical meeting			
	SouthEastCon 2012			
April 4	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom	Planning Activities	

April 25	Technical Meeting	Section, Education	Edutainment & 3-D Multimedia in Education	Dr. Damith W Lushane Jones SCIT.
May 3	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom.	Planning Activities	Mr. Christoph
May 14	Section Meeting	Section	“IEEE InfoCom 2012 (Computer Communications), Experience & Benefits of IEEE “.	
May 30	Technical Meeting	ComSoc	Presentation: "State of Wireless Communications And Its Health Effects".	
June	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom.	Presentation: Surveillance for Wildlife Observation, Preservation and Protection	SCIT: Julian J Grevon Smith, Christopher Pe
June 6	Technical meeting	Computer Society		
July 26	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom	Plans for 2012 and SECon 2015	
August 8	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom.	Planning Activities	
August	<b>Technical meeting</b>	Sections Congress		
September	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom.	General IEEE Section Matters and Plans for the remainder of the year	IEEE Jamaica
September 19	Technical meeting	Section		
October 3	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom	Planning Activities	
October 24	Technical Meeting	Section Meeting	Postponed due to Hurricane Sandy	
November	Administrative Meeting	Section ExCom.	Digital TV Switchover in Jamaica	Mr. Daniel Tu
November 14	Technical Meeting	Section		
November 21	Technical Meeting	Section		
November 28	Technical Presentation	Section	Tropical Storm Robotic Wind Turbine	Mr. Kimroy B
November 28	Technical Presentation	Section	New Technologies in Cloud Computing	Mr. Christoph
December 5	Administrative Meeting	Section		
December 12	General Meeting	Section.		

## **Member Engagement Activities:**

### **Monthly Section Meetings**

The meeting scheduled for October 24, 2012 was postponed until November 14, 2012 due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy. A presentation was done on “The Digital Switchover in Jamaica” by Daniel Tulloch-Reid, Chair of the DSO Technical Sub Committee for Jamaica. The meeting was well supported by members and guests.

The Section plans to continue a series of presentations / meetings for the weeks of December 2012.

### **e-Membership**

Jamaica is eligible for the IEEE e-membership programme.

The section has responded positively to queries regarding forming a new Student Branch Chapter at the Northern Caribbean University (NCU). NCU has received significant acclamations after winning several Microsoft awards including The Microsoft Imagine Cup World Champion in 2010 - after placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2007.

At our 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.

### **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.

Respectfully submitted:

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