Region 3 Director Report

To: Region 3 Committee
Cc: Region 3 ExCom
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I thank all of the Section Chairs who are able to come and attend this Region meeting by teleconference. We need your participation to approve the slate of candidates for Region 3 Director-Elect/Delegate-Elect for 2014–15. We must accomplish this task before our next face-to-face meeting in Jacksonville, FL.

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 Board received two after event briefings 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. Reviewing the service expectations, costs, and disaster recovery approach will be part of these later activities.

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 its November meeting, congratulations to

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

In other "catch up meetings" due to Sandy Superstorm shortened Board Series:
* IEEE-USA delayed its meeting until 15–16 December 2012 (at the IEEE-USA Washington, DC Office.) * MGA will complete its remaining business on 21 December 2012 teleconference

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!

Based on feedback from Section leaders and our Finance committee, we will try extending our Spring meeting by one day by starting the meeting on Friday morning instead of 5pm on Friday. We will add training and committee meetings to in this addtional time. So we will start on Friday morning, participate in the Area/Council meetings Friday evening after the conference kick off event, have additional meetings on Saturday, participate in the Awards banquet, and then complete the Region 3 Committee meeting and its business on Sunday morning (by noon) so that folks can travel home in the afternoon. More details later but hopefully this will help in early planning. If you have something in particular you think should be considered for the Spring meeting, please contact me (and thanks!).

Activities since last report (to ExCom)

- 25 November - Attend Alabama Section ExCom (teleconference)
- 27 November - Attend vTools Committee (teleconference)

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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 holiday!