Region 3 Director Report

To: Region 3 Committee
Cc: Region 3 ExCom
Sb: Region 3 Director Report
Dt: 25 February 2013

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. The draft agenda for SoutheastCon is online at http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/excom/meetings/2013-04/. We will discuss this further in the ExCom tonight. If you are unable to attend, please get your input to me as soon as possible as the program deadline is close. We expect host both the IEEE President-Elect and IEEE-USA President-Elect candidates at lunch on Friday.

Call to Action – The invitation to attend the Region 3 Committee meeting and associated training and committee meetings has been sent to all ExCom members and Section Chairs along with information about Region 3 Travel funding for this event. The hotel block is scheduled to be released 4 March and the pre-registration pricing for the meeting expires on 1 March. Please make your travel plans (transportation, hotel, registration) immediately. I am asking all Area/Council Chairs to check with their sections to make sure they are aware of these deadlines and have any issues resolved. We will discuss plans for the Region 3 meeting in the meeting.

A f highlights from the IEEE Board Series:

- New Spectrum Logo and website (see http://beta.spectrum.ieee.org)
- MGA working on Metropolitan Area Workshops in a Box (allowing more sections to participate by moving to a more volunteer model).
- Atlanta will be the site of one of the four "traditional" Metropolitan Area Workshops.

We recently surveyed the Section Treasurers about their use of NetSuite as well as obtained statistics from IEEE Financial Operations. It appears that the majority of our sections/chapters are making progress towards completing and filing their reports in the new tool. Several have had trouble with the tool but cited the help from staff as helping them work through the issues. At the request of the MGA Board, there are weekly training and issue sessions available to treasurers as they work to complete their work prior to the 31 March filing deadline. Treasurer Hill reports that it is now possible to put the budget in the tool and keep track of ongoing income and expenses in the tool. Please encourage your section(s) to use the tool and provide feedback where there are holes or problems. NetSuite is supposed to allow inputing and archiving of electronic receipts at this time.

For planning purposes, the following dates are the planned dates for Region 3 ExCom meetings for the rest of 2013:

- 1 April
- 29 April
- 3 June
- 5 August
- 9 September
- 7 October
- 2 December

They are all teleconferences and are scheduled around events that may need ExCom action before the event or follow-up after the event. Please reserve these dates on your calendars.

Activities since last report

- 30 Jan - R3 Professional Activities Webinar
- 30 Jan - "An Introduction to IEEE beyond the Branch", UAB Student Branch
- 4 Feb - Alabama Section Meeting
- 5 Feb - MGA Treasurers Call (as part of MGA FinCom)
- 7 Feb - IEEE Governance Committee Teleconference
- 13–19 Feb - IEEE-USA, MGA, and IEEE Board Meetings in Austin, TX and related meetings
- 24 Feb - Region 3 FinCom teleconference

Region 3 Addresses

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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: http://region3.oc.ieee.org (uses IEEE Credentials)