Region 3 Director Report

To: Region 3 Committee
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This is our annual Region meeting and related events. Based on feedback from Section leaders and our Finance committee, we are extending our Spring meeting by one day by starting the meeting on Friday morning instead of 5pm on Friday. Mary Ellen and I would appreciate your feedback on the value of this extra day to you and your section. I look forward to your hearing of your efforts and issues as we go through the program of training, workshop and planning.

Saturday night we will celebrate and recognize our member's achievements as well as the winners of our Region Student Contests that have been conducted in Jacksonville. We will also be in the audience as the finals of the hardware contest are run. Please join me in congratulate these outstanding members and their achievements.

IEEE has almost completed its planning activity to convert the IEEE Mail Alias system to Google Mail. The IEEE Staff is already hosted in Google Apps and a beta process is underway for members. The intent is to seamlessly move the forwarding process over and then facilitate/allow members to turn off forwarding and "discover" their mailbox, calendar, and contacts. Of course, those who only wish forwarding of their @ieee.org alias can continue to do so.

Elections are coming! Elections are coming! In the Fall, members of IEEE will elect a new President-Elect, IEEE-USA President-Elect, VP Elect of Technical Activities, 5 Region Director-Elects (including Region 3), and 5 Division Directors. Please remember as you act in an official capacity (of an office, chair, etc.) you must provide a view of candidates to your membership that you must be balanced and fair in the presentation of all candidates for an office to the group. We will hear from the presidential candidates for IEEE and IEEE-USA during our meetings as well as from our Region 3 Director-Elect Candidates.

Sections Congress 2014 will be discussed at the Region 3 meeting. Sections should be thinking about who they are going to send and make sure that those traveling to Amsterdam have a valid passport thru about March 2015 based on current rules. With help from MGA and the Region, sections should at least try to support a primary delegate traveling to the congress. More details will be discussed during the meeting.

Changes to the team. Bill Williams is returning to his Member Recovery and Recruitment role – thanks to Lee Stogner for filling in. Lee returns to his role as Bill's mentor. Pat Donohoe (Student Activities Chair) and Tim Merkl (Awards Chair) take over from Reginna Hanneman and Charles Hickman, respectively as we move past the Region 3 meeting series. We look forward to working with the new chairs and thank the outgoing ones for their efforts and results. I also am counting on both staying available as consultants to their replacements. Eric Ackerman is now chair of our Communications Committee in addition to his other region role of Webmaster. Ken Pigg has agreed to serve as chair of the Audit Committee in addition to his work as Educational Activities Chair. Bill Tiedemann is serving as our Information Management Coordinator.

Activities since last report (to ExCom)

- 6–7 March - IEEE Foundation Board Meeting
- 11 March - Discussion with IEEE N&A representative
- 12 March - IEEE-USA Board (by WebEx)
- 18 March - IEEE IT Advisory Committee
- 19 March - IEEE SPC WebEx
- Several Region 3 Workshop Planning Teleconferences
- 3 April - MGA Finance Committee

Region 3 Addresses

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