

# Region 3 Director Report

To: Region 3 ExCom  
Cc: Region 3 Committee  
Sb: Region 3 Director Report  
Dt: 29 April 2013

Based on comments of others as well as by direct observation and the SoutheastCon 2013 debrief – SoutheastCon 2013 and its associated Region meetings were a success! Thanks to Butch Shadwell, Neal Coulter and many others for a great technical conference. Our student activities team led by Reginna Hannemann (with help from Josh Shank, Mary Lynn Smith and others) made sure we had an outstanding student program with related contests. Thanks to our fine team of workshop planners/presenters, to Charles Lord our workshop facilitator, and to Gregg Vaughn making sure we tracked all that we should. Finally thanks to each of you for your participation and contributions.

Attendees also got a chance to hear from IEEE President-Elect Candidates, IEEE-USA Candidates, and Region 3 Director-Elect Candidates. We thank all of them for agreeing to serve if elected and to participate in our meeting.

As you recall, a successful Region 3 meetings was one of the goals for this year. We have sent a survey out to check to the Section representatives to ensure that they felt that the meetings met their needs as well as to probe for potential improvements, volunteers to work on follow-up activities, and desires for webinars in 2013.

As I reported at the meeting, 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. Since the meeting, IEEE has made a decision to add Google Drive, Google+, and Picassa to the offering. The target for full roll out is mid May to mid June.

The main purpose for this meeting is to begin actions related to activities at our Region meeting. I will announce the appointment of several ad hoc committees:

- 360 degree view of member  
Given the goal to have a 360 degree view of the member, what is the data that should be collected by the section, and what are the needs of the section for this information. Try to suggest the form of solutions that would address the need.
- STEM  
Evaluate benefits and costs of a Region 3 - based speakers available to support Section STEM outreach and make a recommendation on the associated implementation.
- Leadership Development Training Program  
Design, prepare, and deliver a prototype of a next generation leadership development program that would be useful for IEEE in preparing leaders and useful to the individual in their career. Evaluate the results of the delivery and recommend future actions.
- Remote Conferencing / Meetings  
Investigate the feasibility of generating, and if possible, generate a list of equipment and procedures that would facilitate the publicizing, recording, and sharing of Section meetings across the Region.
- SoutheastCon Structure – Student Conference / Region Activities  
Review the present structure of the Region 3 events associated with SoutheastCon including the events shared with the SoutheastCon professional program as well as the events associated with the Region 3 Student Conference and the events associated with the Region 3 Committee meeting, training, and workshops with respect to the mission of IEEE and propose improvements (measured) within the current budget preserving all MGA required activities (such as official region committee meeting, official student paper contest).

I will announce chairs and some staffing for the ad hocs but please let the chair and I know if you are also interested in participating on the committee. Secretary Vaughn will provide support to arrange WebEx meetings for the committees as needed.

## **Activities since last report (to Region 3 Committee)**

- 8, 24 April - Google Beta Follow-ups
  - 9 April - IEEE-USA Board Meeting via WebEx
  - 18 April - vTools Committee Teleconference
  - 23 April - Alabama Section ExCom
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## **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)