

# Region 3 Director Report

To: Region 3 ExCom

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I am pleased to report that Javier Handel has agreed to serve as GOLD Coordinator for Region 3 for the remainder of 2013. I am excited to have him added to the team. Please welcome him to the Region 3 team. I have asked Lee Stogner to serve as Region 3's Member Recruitment and Recovery Chair for the remainder of 2013. There are motions on the consent agenda to formalize the ExCom's receipt of these appointments.

IEEE continues its rollout of IEEE Google Mail and related services to all members. The most recent milestone was the conversion of all forwarding accounts to Google, allowing those who had been forwarding to start using their Google mailbox, calendar, and drive (and other services) as well as a soft rollout of a new signup process for those who wish to use the tools. It has been reported that members are signing up at twice the rate as before the Google service was put in place even though there has no advertising has yet occurred. I believe we have an opportunity to turn this common system (mail, calendar, storage, authentication) into a great collaboration system for volunteers in members. I am involved in a few activities that are considering this and I am sure some of you have ideas on things we can do in Region 3 with these tools.

The main purpose for this meeting is to hear early activities from the Ad Hoc Committees formed after our Region Committee meeting. I have included a brief synopsis of each group along with chair info at the end of my report. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please let the chair and I know if you are also interested in participating on the committee.

IEEE has announced the Technical Field Awards. Congratulations to R3 awardees:

- Biing-Hwang Georgia Institute of Technology  
2014 IEEE James L. Flanagan Speech and Audio Processing Award
- Mark McGranaghan  
Electric Power Research Institute  
2014 IEEE Charles Proteus Steinmetz Award

It seems like July was travel to Portland month. IEEE-USA held its annual meeting out there last weekend. Attendees included:

- John Montague, PAO Chair
- Our Professional Activities Leadership Awardees
- Charles Lord (presenter)
- Lee Stogner
- Section PACE Chairs or their representatives

IEEE POCO (Panel Of Conference Organizers) met out there the prior weekend. R3 Attendees included:

- Sean Haynes, Conference Committee Chair
- Jim Conrad, Conference Committee Vice Chair
- Don Hill, Region 3 Treasurer, SoutheastCon 2014 General Chair

As always, there are many things being done by IEEE. To highlight three:

- New MentorCentre <http://www.ieee.org/mentoring> provides mentoring and mentoring opportunities for members. I understand it is not available for student members at this time.
- Continuing improvements to the IEEE and IBM web site: <http://tryengineering.org> – site for STEM educators.
- A demonstration of new IEEE web technology allowing the addition of context driven dynamic references to content.

## Activities since last report (to Region 3 ExCom)

- June 4, IEEE-USA Board Teleconference
- June 5, 12, 24, July 9, 24, 31 IEEE Region 3 Ad Hoc - 360 degree View of Members
- June 10, MGA Finance Committee Teleconference
- June 17, Alabama Section ExCom Teleconference
- June 21 - 23, IEEE vTools Meeting, Weekhawken, NJ
- June 26 - July 1 - IEEE Board Series / IEEE Foundation, San Diego, CA
- July 10, IEEE IT Advisory Committee, New York, NY
- July 12, Alabama Section ExCom
- July 18, vTools Committee Teleconference
- July 19, IEEE Membership Development Teleconference
- July 26, IEEE Social Networking, Piscataway, NJ
- Aug 2, IEEE-USA Board Meeting teleconference

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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)

## Region 3 Ad Hocs (from Region 3 Meeting)

- 360 degree view of member - Bill Ratcliff, Chair [w.ratcliff@ieee.org](mailto:w.ratcliff@ieee.org)

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 - Theresa Brunasso, Chair [theresa.brunasso@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.brunasso@gmail.com)

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 - Yuri Quintana, Chair [Yuri.Quintana@stjude.org](mailto:Yuri.Quintana@stjude.org)

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 - Bill Tiedemann, Chair [bill\\_tiedemann@ieee.org](mailto:bill_tiedemann@ieee.org)

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 - Grayson Randall, Chair [grayson@insightrobots.com](mailto:grayson@insightrobots.com)

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).