IEEE Region 3 Remote Conferencing / Meetings Ad Hoc Committee

Status Report of 05 August 2013

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Mission:

- The mission of the committee is to 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.

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Status:

- Actions to Date

    - Review of WebEx capabilities, in particular the WebEx Event Center as configured by IEEE IT for the local geographic units.

    - Research into recommended or supported hardware

    - Research into WebEx options & capabilities currently available, or to be made available, to IEEE local geographic units

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Status:

- Concerns

  - Currently, the only IEEE provided WebEx option available to the local geo unit is the WebEx Event Center

    - The availability to the local geo units of the WebEx Meeting Center has been discussed but not yet determined

  - Currently, a VOIP option is not configured for IEEE WebEx Event Center use

    - Currently, only a (very costly) telephone conference bridge is available as an option

  - Currently, video is not an option for IEEE WebEx Event Center use

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Status:

- Recommendations

  - The WebEx Event Center, with currently configured options, is not a viable platform for IEEE local geo unit distributed meetings or conferences

    - No VOIP option – use the telephone conference for distributed events would prove cumbersome and very costly to IEEE

    - A video option is not currently provided

  - If the WebEx Meeting Center, as currently configured to IEEE Region use, is made available to the local geo units, the WebEx Meeting Center made prove viable for this use

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Status:

- Possible Future Actions

  - Confirm future availability (and time-line) of IEEE provided WebEx platforms and options

  - If not provided by the IEEE vTools team, provide comparisons of the WebEx platforms and their recommended uses

  - If not provided by the IEEE vTools team, provide a list of equipment and procedures that would facilitate the publicizing, recording, and sharing of local geo units meetings / conferences

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