

## **Region 3 Director Report**

To: Region 3 ExCom  
Cc: Region 3 Committee  
Sb: Region 3 Director Report  
Dt: 9 October 2013

As a Director, I have served on several IEEE Board Committees this year (SPC ad hoc, IEEE IT Advisory Ad Hoc, Social Networking for Professionals, Governance) as well as the MGA Board and the IEEE-USA Board.

IEEE's SPC Ad Hoc Committee has assisted the Board in Strategic Planning this year. Building upon a Mission / Vision / Core Values as shown in the Attached Infomedia Chart, they trying to think through steps that should be taken now to put IEEE in a good position no matter which of several global scenarios that play out.

My IT Advisory role led to membership in the Social Networking for Professionals led to a Board action to build Profession Productivity and Collaboration Tools. This project has the volunteer and staff support of most of the IEEE major OUs including MGA, PUBS, and TAB. The product will provide collaboration, authoring, research, chatting one-on-one and in communities, user created and IEEE created communities. We expect to announce it officially at the Sections Congress in August as well as include in 2015 membership year renewal.

IEEE hosted IEEEExtreme - a 24 hour software endurance contest. 68 Groups from Region 3 participated. Congrats to all as well as thanks to all who served to support this effort.

The Newsletter recently produced by our Editor Bill Labelle has my end of term reflections and comments. We have tried to increase member engagement such that the members of IEEE feel that there are reasons to belong and make a contribution. I thank Mary Ellen for keeping this in front of us over the two years through some great examples of success across our Region 3 groups. Hopefully, these good examples will inspire others in other OUs. Similarly we have tried to increase the useful training and tools available to sections through efforts at SoutheastCon, visits, and webinars. Mary Ellen plans us to move us to the next level in both of these areas – I'll leave it to her report and other media to elaborate.

We have several projects from the Region 3 Committee meeting in progress:

- 360 degree data (to/from local OUs)
- Better online tool for sections
- STEM Information
- Leadership Development and Training
- SoutheastCon Structure

We will ask the leaders of these projects to report them back to the Region Committee next March to close them out. Thanks to all who have been working on these.

The GOLD affinity group and related activities will be renamed Young Professionals. More information to follow early next year.

Congratulations:

- R3 Awardee Georgia Tech Research Institute for being recognized at the IEEE Educational Activities level for exemplary continuing education for their staff.
- 2014 IEEE Corporate Officers – see <http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/assembly/index.html>

As a reminder, all Region 3 Appointments expire with the term of the Director. Region 3 N&A and incoming Director Randall are working to appoint the 2014 ExCom. Thank you all for your service.

Thank you for your continued efforts for IEEE and our profession. It has been my pleasure to work with this ExCom and the other leaders in Region 3.

Happy holidays and here's to a great 2014!

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

- 9 October, MGA Operations Committee Teleconference
- 14–15 October, Social Networking Committee, Piscataway, NJ
- 21 October, Region 3 Voting Webinar
- 22 October, MGA Operations Committee Teleconference
- 25–26 October, IEEE XTreme Proctor
- 28 October, MGA Operations Committee Teleconference
- 1 November, MGA Operations Committee Teleconference
- 5 November, IEEE-USA Board Meeting, Teleconference
- 6 November, IEEE IT Advisory Committee, NY, NY
- 17–19 November, IEEE Foundation, Piscataway, NJ
- 20–25 November, IEEE OU Series, New Brunswick, NJ
- 6–8 November, IEEE R3 MOVE and Planning, Charlotte, NC

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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)