

Region 3 Liaison Report
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Next WIEC meeting/newsletter:

The next WIEC meeting is the in-person meeting following the first ever WIE International Leadership Conference (ILC) to be held in San Francisco May <http://ieee-wie-ilc.org/about/>. Region 3 is supporting my attendance at the ILC and the WIEC in-person meeting, and the Atlanta WIE is sending one of their members to the ILC. If any other Section Affinity Groups are sending members, please let me know.

The most recent edition of the WIE newsletter can be found at:

The March 2014 WIE Newsletter is now available at
<http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/women/newsletter/wie_march_2014.pdf>

Some highlights:

- *Innovate with today's female leaders! Registration now OPEN 2014 IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Conference
- *Award Announcement: Nita Patel, 2013 L-3 Engineer of the Year
- Participation of WIE in the IGU/UNESCO Workshop on Women in Engineering
- Call for IEEE Educational Activities Award Nominations: Submission Deadline is 23 May 2014
- *My Tech Parent Friends: Your help is needed
- *Ethics 2014 Symposium
- *Recent Annual Engineering Student Exhibition held in Nairobi, Kenya
- *KMEA Engineering College, Ernakulam, presents Girls Day
- *Madras IEEE Women in Engineering held Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing

SoutheastCon 2014 summary:

Thanks to the Region 3 ExCom, I attended the SoutheastCon conference in Lexington, KY in March. We spent two and a half days learning about IEEE, working on projects and committees, including generating and voting on recommendations for Sections Congress 2014 from R3. Thanks, Don Hill for the quick reimbursement.

I was able to meet with a few Affinity Group chairs and members, and to discuss the support of the section groups with some of the Section Chairs in Region 3.

Several items came up in conversation that I shared in my 4 April report to the WIEC.

One topic is that of the ease of finding contact information for AG Chairs and officers. The new Region 3 Member Engagement and Life Cycle Chair, of which the WIE, Young Professionals, and Life

Member representatives are subchairs, has given us the goal of contacting all the group chairs in the region by June 1 and ensuring that they have our contact info and the resources they need. My experience last year was that this was not easy. In fact, I did not succeed. One of the other Region 3 committee members tried to do a search in the database and did not find any Women in Engineering titles. Is this something that should be added to the database? Or is it there and we are not searching for the right text? I also looked on vtools for any Region 3 WIE events and only found the Atlanta section (go ATL!) events. The Richmond Section Chair also searched for info and did not find much, even though the group there is very active. He was searching for ways to increase WIE membership and solicit new volunteers. In fact, many of the sections complain that there are not enough volunteers.

AG/SBAG news:

I see that Mississippi State has applied for a WIE sBAG, and will probably be approved shortly after this meeting! Congratulations and welcome to them.

Sincerely,
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