

AREA 9 REPORT FOR MAY 12, 2014, REGION 3 EXCOM

Introduction

The Jamaica Section has actively participated in Region 3 meetings and plans to continue to actively participate for the remainder of the Year as we have in past years to achieve the goals and objectives of the Section and Region 3.

Goals & Objectives:

Our objectives for this Year 2014 are as follows:

- Increasing membership attendance and participation in meetings
 - Push e-membership for existing and new members.
 - Increase involvement by Standing Committee Chairs
 - Introduction of Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary officers
- Push Member Engagement in collaboration with Region 3 and MGA
- Host a successful SPAC
- Increase Student Branch attendance & participation in SoutheastCon 2014
- Participation in Regional & PACE Activities pertaining to the IEEE USA Annual Conference in 2014
- Implement succession planning for current Officers, Chapters and Standing Committee Chairs

Member Engagement Activities:

Monthly Section Meetings

An IEEE Jamaica Section Meeting / Presentation was held on Wednesday March 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Engineering Conference Room, University of Technology (UTech). Our presentation done by Dr. Dave Muir was on The SouthEastCon 2014 Highlights and the benefits open to IEEE Members.

Another meeting was held on April 30, 2014 where two presentations were done on the topics:

1. Design, Construction, Simulation & Implementation of Micro-Controller Based System to Control Electricity Theft in Jamaica
2. Wireless Sensor Networks & Its Applications in Congestion Detection and Control.

by the Micro Controller Major Project Groups at UTech led by Mr. Christopher Udeaga. The interest was very high and the turn-out was very good among both members and guests.

e-Membership

Jamaica continues to be eligible for the IEEE e-membership programme.

The members were encouraged to utilize the early membership registration for 2014. Our Membership Chair, Mr. Christopher Udeagha has done a good job of continually recruiting members. We plan to request additional flyers and other material for our memberships drive for some of our upcoming events.

Website - IEEE Jamaica Section

Milverton Moore continues to keep the website current and provides valuable information for the Jamaica Section and Region 3. The IEEE Jamaica Section Website serves as our newsletter and the URL is as follows: <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/jamaica>.

Jamaica Section Bid Proposal for SoutheastCon 2017.

The Section has reengaged discussion with The Region 3 Conference Committee, chaired by Sean Haynes and the entities in Jamaica that will provide facilities for hosting the conference – that is, the Hilton Rose Hall, Jamaica and the Montego Bay Convention Centre.

The Excom and the Planning Committee held a meeting on May 7, 2014 at the University of Technology to accelerate the process of developing a new proposal.

Barriers:

The general challenge is to improve the level of participation by the Section members. However, new persons have been appointed to positions within the Excom for 2013 and it is expected that there will be increased participation over the course of the year.

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