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AREA 9 REPORT FOR AUGUST 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 in May, June and July 2014

On May 21, 2014, a presentation was done at our Section Meeting on the topic "A review of Power Transformers Testing procedures leading to better Data Management and Longer Life" by the Jamaica Public Service. This was well received by members with interest in power engineering.

The IEEE Jamaica Section joined the FENC Logistics Hub Training Meeting at the University of Technology on Wednesday June 23, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The presentation done by the President of the HEART Trust NTA and highlighted the benefits of the new logistics hub in Jamaica.

Another meeting was held on July 23, 2014 in which a presentation was done on the topic of Quad copters by Dr. Dave Muir at the UTech Engineering Controls Lab. The interest was good and the turn-out was good among both members and guests.

Membership

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

Our 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 continue our recruiting efforts through programs planned in September and October 2014 for some of our upcoming events.

Website - IEEE Jamaica Section

Ilvertton 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

University 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. In addition, some of our Excom members have been absent and have not been able to dedicate the time they had previously. However, new persons will be elected to positions in the Excom for 2015 and it is expected that there will be increased participation over the course of a year.

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