

AREA 9 REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTCON 2016, 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 2016 are as follows:

- Appoint new executive members to the Section
- 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 and provide STEM activity via summer camps with Kimroy Bailey Foundation
- Maintain Student Branch attendance & participation in SoutheastCon 2016
- Participation in Regional & PACE Activities pertaining to the IEEE USA Annual Conference in 2016
- Implement succession planning, v tools etc for current Officers, Chapters and Standing Committee Chairs

Member Engagement Activities:

Monthly Section Meetings

The Section has been very active since the start of the Year with several meetings and presentations prior to SouthEastCon 2016 in which we had good response from members and student members as well as non-members.

Following on our Annual IEEE Jamaica Section Retreat held on Wednesday January 20, 2016 we formed a basic framework on which to organize and schedule activities for 2016 and by February we had appointed several members to our Excom members.

Most recently on Wednesday March 23, 2016 the Jamaica Section joined the University of Technology (UTech), Faculty of Engineering for a presentation which was part of their Lecture Series. The presentation was done by Dr Damith and Branch students on the topic "Hard and soft approached to Energy conservation with the UTech Engineering Faculty".

The section also invited the local Jamaica Institution of engineers to boost collaboration with the body and provide greater visibility for IEEE. Members of the JIE were also encouraged to become IEEE members so they can expand their careers and give back to the community.

The Section also has plans to assist the Caribbean Maritime Institute to form a Student Branch. Discussions have been had with staff at this tertiary institution. We hope to have them on board before the end of the Year.

Challenges with space for an IEEE room are some of the main concerns. UTech has an IEEE room which serves as a project room and also a room for business incubation in the future.

UTech Student Branch

The UTech Student Branch hosted a successful SPAC for 2016 with a presentation held in March, 2016.

The branch also held numerous displays showcasing IEEE at the UTech research day, open Faculty days etc.

UWI student branch

The UWI branch is actively preparing for Southeastcon 2016. Their robot is far ahead in development and they had a recent showcase at the annual research day.

e-Membership

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

Our new Membership Chair, Dr. Milton Richardson has the job of recruiting members. With new appointments to the Excom and it is expected that these members will inject new ideas and more energy into the section with plans of attracting new members. We have also plan to contact those members who have been late in renewing their membership and seek to increase their involvement in Section activities.

Website - IEEE Jamaica Section

Milverton Moore stepped down as the website master and has trained a new person to provide 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>.

Barriers:

The general challenge is to improve the level of participation by the Section members. However, several new persons have been appointed to positions within the Excom for 2015 and it is expected that there will be increased participation over the course of the year.

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