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## IEEE Region 3 - Director's Report

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**SoutheastCon 2016 Reimbursement:** Ken Pigg has provided valuable info on reimbursement on the website: <http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/excom/meetings/excel-expenses.html> . Please send him your expense reimbursement request ASAP.

**SoutheastCon 2017:** Please make plans to attend SoutheastCon 2017, to be held from March 31 to April 2, in Charlotte/Concord, NC, Embassy Suites. I would like to see each section represented at the Region meetings and activities during the event.

**SoutheastCon 2018:** The Florida West Coast Section has submitted a proposal for SoutheastCon 2018. I would like to encourage members of the IEEE Region 3 board to attend the June 20 meeting, 8:00 pm, to discuss and vote on acceptance of the proposal.

**SoutheastCon 2019 and beyond:** We still do not have a section/Area host or site for SoutheastCon 2019 and beyond. If you are interested, please work with Tom Habetler ( [tom.habetler@ece.gatech.edu](mailto:tom.habetler@ece.gatech.edu) ).

**Sections Congress 2017:** Sections Congress is planned for Sydney, Australia. The meetings will be held August 11-13, 2017, and travel days will be added before and after the meeting. Each section will be invited to identify and send one representative (i.e. Section Chair, Young Professional Representative). The IEEE Corporate office (MGA) will handle reimbursements directly, and plans to cover all travel expenses. They will not cover the cost of a passport. Sections will have the option to fund and send additional members to the Congress. Your sections may want to identify your representative now so that they can start planning for the time off from work, and apply for a passport. More detail on

travel arrangements will be provided in the next three months.

**Section Elections:** Again I would like section officers to work hard ensuring that sections have an officer development program (to encourage volunteers to serve as officers), and then to create and follow a proper election process. Please ensure you have already announced a call for 2017 section/society chapter officers.

**Constitutional Amendment:** There is a proposed IEEE Constitutional Amendment on the 2016 ballot. The webpage [https://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/election/2016\\_constitutional\\_amendment.html](https://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/election/2016_constitutional_amendment.html) contains information on the amendment, as well as support and opposition statements of the amendment. The amendment is being sent directly to individual members to vote on part of the annual ballot. The Boards, such as TAB and MGA, to which Regions, Sections, and Societies are related, are Committees of IEEE (by the IEEE Bylaws). So they cannot cast a vote, as a unit, to support or not support the amendment. We in Region 3 do want to ensure that the membership is informed, and that supporters and opponents of the amendment are provided an equal opportunity to express their opinions (within the rules of IEEE Electioneering). To encourage an educated membership on this topic, the region will organize a WebEx presentation to be held in the next two months. Please stay tuned for the specific date and time of this WebEx event.

**Director Activities:** Finally, I have spent much time working as your director (over 450 hours in 2016 . . . so far!), including:

- Working with Area Chairs on revitalizing a struggling section
- Attending the Board of Directors meeting series to formulate strategic direction of the IEEE. I will attend another board meeting in August in Singapore.
- Participating in meetings of the Charlotte Section, the IEEE MGA Finance Committee, the IEEE Foundation Board, and the Region 3 membership Committee.
- Working with the MOVE project to help it become the centerpiece of volunteer involvement in Region 3.

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