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IEEE Region 3 Director's Report – Jim Conrad

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Some of these announcements are included again since they are important. Please make sure you keep these handy for future reference.

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. NOTE: the Region Meeting will start at 4 pm on Friday. Therefore, ***the Region WILL NOT cover hotel or meal expenses for Thursday night.***

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).

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 section/society chapter officers, have been finding a minimum of two volunteers to run for each position, and are ready soon to hold your elections.

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 contains information on the amendment, as well as support and opposition statements of the amendment. Because some IEEE Operating Units violated NY State Law with their dissemination of information (and we could not get volunteers to participate in a WebEx), the Region will not hold the WebEx, nor will we disseminate information in addition to the official ballot URL (above).

Director Activities: Finally, I have spent much time working as your director (over 675 hours in 2016 . . . so far!), including:

- Attended the Board of Directors meeting in August in Singapore, and participated in an industry outreach visit to South Korea.
- Participated in meetings of the Charlotte Section, the IEEE MGA Finance Committee, and the IEEE membership group.

- Working with the MOVE project to help it become the centerpiece of volunteer involvement in Region 3. This included participating in a deployment of the MOVE vehicle to the floods in Louisiana.

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