Region Conferences Committee Report

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Welcome to IEEE SoutheastCon 2019! As Chair of the Region 3 Conferences Committee I'd like to thank Eric Grigorian and his team on putting together another spectacular SoutheastCon.

Over the past few years I have been trying to retool the Conferences Committee to allow us to focus more on supporting the growth of conferences within our Sections instead of having SoutheastCon consume the majority of the committee's effort. To support this model, we have created a Region Level SoutheastCon Subcommittee that will handle the year-to-year parts of the conference and bring some continuity to the conference. We have appointed Charles Lord (c.j.lord@ieee.org) as the chair of the Region SoutheastCon subcommittee.

As chair, I have been working to concentrate on expanding the number of Section cosponsorships of conferences. To help educate the Sections on developing conference opportunities I will be hosting a conferences roundtable at SoutheastCon with representatives from IEEE MGA, IEEE TAB, and Industry. They will answer questions provided by the attendees submitted to the Twitter hashtag #SoutheastCon2019ConfRT.

I will be also hosting a couple of talks about Conferences on Friday and Saturday with general information.

In terms of SoutheastCon the committee has done a site search for SoutheastCon 2022 and will be presenting a motion to the Region Committee on Sunday. More information will provided as part of the presentation on Sunday.

Any Section that is interested in hosting SoutheastCon 2023 please inform myself (s.a.haynes@ieee.org) and Charles Lord (c.j.lord@ieee.org). We will then be sure to add your section to the site search for 2023. If you are interested, please be sure to let us know that you have a committed core of 3-4 volunteers that are willing to serve. This will go a long way in advancing your odds of being selected.

I look forward to talking with you about conferences at SoutheastCon!

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