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**To:** Region 3 ExCom  
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2019 has been flying by! I can't believe it's already October. I'm excited about the approach of 2020, and stepping into the role of Region 3 Director on January 1!

Congratulations to Theresa Brunasso on being elected as the Region 3 Director-Elect! Thanks also to Eric Grigorian, for running in a close election – I appreciate both of their willingness to serve our Region. I look forward to working with both of them during my tenure as Region Director in 2020 and 2021! Also, congratulations to IEEE President-Elect 2020, Susan "Kathy" Land, a Region 3 (Huntsville) member and our Past R3 Awards and Recognitions Chair!

I hope all Sections are already discussing and planning for Sections Congress 2020! Sections Congress will be held Aug 21-23, 2020, in Ottawa Canada at the Shaw Centre – the theme is "Leading our Global Technical Community". We will have a Region Committee meeting on Friday morning. Sections Congress officially begins Friday evening, and ends on Sunday. MGA will be paying for one primary delegate to attend from each Section. The Region will cover the costs of Region Committee members who are not Section delegates. More details will be presented later; some details are in Kristin Bing's report.

Our R3 FinCom, led by John Balsam, has been working on the 2020 budget. Not many of our committee chairs provided feedback, so in those cases we've been using historical data to come up with appropriate numbers for 2020. We hope to present the budget at the November meeting. Sections Congress will be a large expense, but will mostly be offset by a large expected surplus from SoutheastCon 2019.

In past reports, I mentioned that I am co-leading a joint TAB/MGA ad hoc committee on Chapters. We have submitted our report, which I'll present at the November MGA Board meeting; my co-chair Bob Rassa will present the same report at the TA Board meeting. We are making several recommendations for improving support of chapters, including continuing a joint ad hoc or turning it into a standing committee. Thank you to those of you who sent me suggestions, and/or participated in our survey! Your input was valuable. I'm especially looking forward to a roll-out of a new report which will provide a summary of chapter meetings throughout the year – drawing on information available in both vTools and OU Analytics.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time with your questions or suggestions.

Thanks,  
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