

To: Region 3 ExCom  
CC: Region 3 Committee  
Fr: David Green, R3 SOSC Chair  
Dt: 18 November 2019

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) met most recently on 4 November. It reviewed changes to the Region 3 Bylaws and recommends them to the ExCom for endorsement and to the Region 3 Committee next March for approval. There is a separate item on the agenda for this. There are only a few changes. The most significant is the changing of a voting Committee chair on the Region Committee from Member Activities Chair to Region 3 Conference Chair. As discussed, the Region is changing its structure to address Membership Recruitment and Retention and to focus what was the Member Activities Committee on Member Communications. By changing the voting member to conference committee, we stabilize participation in the Region Committee while things are changing and acknowledge the significance of conferences to the Region. The remaining items are “housekeeping”.

With the help of their mentors, committee chairs should update their goal status so that planning group can have up-to-date information as they consider adjusting [Region 3 Strategic Plan](#) and the 2020 goals. Thanks to all for your help on this.

Another version of the calendar exists along with a new way to extract the per committee calendars. These calendars are [online](#) and feedback is welcome. The operations manual will link to these calendars.

We are also finalizing an update to the Region 3 Operations Manual focusing on Section 5 as well as a few other updates. In the spirit of getting these improvements/updates out, we will bring it for consideration at the next meeting even though there are other areas of the Operations Manual that still need updating. Thanks to everyone who has supplied input.

The Strategic Operations Support Committee has assigned mentors to committees (and functions) for 2019:

- Awards and Recognition Committee - Jill Gostin
- Member Activities Committee - Bill Ratcliff
- Conference Committee - Jim Conrad
- Finance Committee - Dave Green
- Section Support Committee - Mary Ellen Randall and Bill Ratcliff
- Professional Activities Committee - Lee Stogner
- Student Activities Committee - Pat Donohoe
- Membership Function: Lee Stogner and Jim Howard
- Area Chair Function: Jim Howard and Bill Ratcliff

Please keep the volunteer mentors in the loop and make use of their corporate memory and experience.