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Director's Report

To: Region 3 ExCom

Subject: Region 3 Director's Report

Date: 27 January 2020

I am very excited to be Director of Region 3 for 2020-2021! We are already off to a great start, and I anticipate a year of Making New Connections in our Region.

I met with a small group of our Region leadership in December, and we developed our Goals for the year based around the theme of **Making New Connections**. Those Goals will be presented for endorsement at the ExCom meeting. In trying to achieve those goals, I am challenging our Sections (and I'd like them to challenge their Chapters/Affinity Groups) to hold at least **one new type of event in 2020**. Part of our time at SoutheastCon will be spent in discussing types of events, how to run those events, and brainstorming other ideas for new events. I hope that by offering a type of event that has not been held before, each Section will pull in members (and potentially non-members) who perhaps have not attended previous events! We are trying to reach new people and get them involved – take the opportunity to set up a laptop for people to join IEEE, or take down names of people that may be interested and you can have IEEE send them information about membership (see <https://forms.vtools.ieee.org/ieee-member-referral-form/>).

Speaking of [SoutheastCon](#) – I sent an email to all of you on January 7, identifying who is invited to attend, and providing information about registration, hotel, meetings, etc. Please review that email, and if you are one of the invited attendees or will be representing your Section, **make sure you register as specified by February 7**. I ask that you also let our Treasurer and Secretary know who is representing your Section. Our Region meetings will start Friday, March 13, at 4pm, and will end on Sunday at noon. Come prepared to be inspired and challenged! During the 27 January telecon we will hear more about SoutheastCon.

This year we will have a second Region Committee meeting, to be held at the triennial [Sections Congress](#) (Aug 21-23 in Ottawa, Canada). During the ExCom telecon we will discuss attendance at Sections Congress – we need each Section to provide the name of one representative who will attend Sections Congress. At SoutheastCon, we will work on formulating suggested Recommendations (for MGA to focus on during the next 3 years) which will then be voted on by the Sections Representatives at Sections Congress. During our Region Committee meeting at Sections Congress, I'll also ask each Section to give a very brief report on their one new type of event!

There will be an Industry Engagement Competition at Sections Congress, with three cash prizes! The competition is designed to help IEEE discover and share some of the best forms of

industry engagement being led by activities and initiatives from Sections around the world. If you are interested, please visit the [competition submission portal](#).

Throughout the year, I will be gathering information about exciting events happening throughout the Region, and also about challenges that our Sections have encountered. Send me a couple of sentences occasionally, about any such successes or issues. I will use some of this information in my reports to MGA. If you want information posted on our website or on social media, please contact Sonya Dillard.

There are many other things happening across the Region, and our Committees are in place to support the Sections and the Region. Thank you to every single volunteer that we have; I greatly appreciate your service on behalf of IEEE! Please feel free to contact me at any time with your questions/concerns. If I don't have the answer, I'll help you find someone who does.

Respectfully submitted,
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ExCom and Committee Business Meetings, 2020 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

ExCom telecon: Jan 27 (this is a 4th Monday, due to MLK holiday)
ExCom telecon: Feb 17
R3 Committee Business Meeting: Meeting will occur at SoutheastCon, Sunday morning
ExCom telecon: April 20
ExCom telecon: May 18
ExCom telecon: June 15
ExCom telecon: July 20
R3 Committee Business Meeting: Meeting will occur Friday morning at Sections Congress
ExCom telecon: Sept 21
ExCom telecon: Oct 19
ExCom telecon: Nov 16
ExCom telecon: Dec 21 (this may change to an R3 Committee telecon, if needed)

My IEEE commitments:

Region 3 Director/Delegate – therefore on the Boards of Directors of IEEE, MGA, and IEEE-USA (2020-2021)
Member, Employee Benefits and Compensation Committee (2020-2022)
Member, Future Directions Committee (2019-2020)
Member, TAB Finance Committee (2019-2020)
Ombudsman, IEEE Computer Society (2020)

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