

Date: 27-Jan 2020  
To: R3 2020 ExCom & Section Chairs  
From: Bill Marshall, Chair R3 Section Support Committee (SSC)

Subject: Report to ExCom for Meeting 27-Jan 2020

The SSC has met once by WebEx on 14-Jan. We expect our typical meeting tempo to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The basic intent of this meeting was to introduce the committee members to each other and to discuss Director Gostin's Theme of "Making New Connections".

The SSC has been sending emails (just this past weekend) to section officers to introduce the SSC and solicit information about their succession success/failure. A typical email looks like this:

From: **William Marshall** [marshalliv@ieee.org](mailto:marshalliv@ieee.org)  
Subject: Greetings from the IEEE Region 3 Section Support Committee (SSC) for 2020  
Date: January 27, 2020 at 4:37 PM  
To:



Greetings XXCh, XXSe, XXTr and XXVC. [[their first names here](#)]

My name is Bill Marshall. I am chair of the Region 3 Section Support Committee (R3-SSC); and I am one of several volunteers available to assist you in fulfilling your duties as a section level volunteer. I got your name(s) from an IEEE tool called "OU Analytics", which is available to you too ... we can help with that :-). From OU Analytics (searching only for chair, vice chair, secretary or treasurer) I see:

- [XXCh](#) listed as chair beginning 1-Jan 2019 with an end date of 31-Dec 2020
- [XXSe](#) listed as secretary beginning 1-Jan 2020 with no end date
- [XXTr](#) listed as treasurer beginning 1-Jan 2019 with no end date
- [XXVC](#) listed as vice chair beginning 1-Jan 2017 with no end date
- So, it appears that the listing is potentially current. Can you confirm that? Was that the result of an election or appointment? Is there anything else you can tell us about your succession process?

Hopefully, [XXCh](#), you are receiving the emails that are being sent to the R3 managed list [sec-r3@ieee.org](mailto:sec-r3@ieee.org), which is supposed to be going to the section chairs. If not, please let me know.

The R3-SSC's mission is to help your section to engage its members in all of the ways that IEEE can help serve the member, the profession, and the community (from local activities to global ones). To give you a sense of how we might be able to help you engage your section's members, let me introduce the committee:

- myself, the SSC chair;
- Mark Torres ([m.torres@ieee.org](mailto:m.torres@ieee.org)), one of two R3 Section Operations Specialists (SOS)s
- Charles Lord ([c.j.lord@ieee.org](mailto:c.j.lord@ieee.org)), one of two R3 Section Operations Specialists (SOS)s
- Amanda Sahlstrom ([amanda@stormlash.net](mailto:amanda@stormlash.net)), the R3 Women In Engineering (WIE) Coordinator
- Hasala Dharmawardena ([hasala@ieee.org](mailto:hasala@ieee.org)), the R3 Young Professionals (YP) Coordinator
- Thomas Bellarmine ([t.bellarmino@ieee.org](mailto:t.bellarmino@ieee.org)), the R3 Life Member (LM) Coordinator
- Sharlene Brown ([sharlenebrown@ieee.org](mailto:sharlenebrown@ieee.org)), the R3 Senior Member Elevation (SME) Coordinator
- Grayson Randall ([grayson@ascotwireless.com](mailto:grayson@ascotwireless.com)), the R3 Projects Coordinator
- Sonya Dillard ([Sonya.dillard@ieee.org](mailto:Sonya.dillard@ieee.org)), the R3 Member Recruitment and Retention Interim Coordinator

We will be back in touch with you over the next few weeks to introduce ourselves individually, but I wanted to say a quick initial hello. In the meantime, here are greetings from two of our committee members.

Sharlene says:

*I will be sending an introductory letter and will be hosting a WebEx at the end of January or early February 2020 to share with you the scope of the Region 3 Senior Membership Elevation Program for the year. We seek your support to join our WebEx meeting (WebEx meeting information will be sent shortly) as there will be discussion at the WebEx around an informative Senior Membership Workshop to be held at Southeastcon 2020 for any section officers attending. If you are unable to join the WebEx, please inform us of your designated alternate.*

Mark says:

*The R3 Section Operations Specialists are a key part of your Section Leader's tool kit. Call on Mark Torres or Charles Lord (email above) for assistance with [MGA Volunteer Tools](#). At this link you will find [OU Analytics](#), [eNotice Service](#), [vTools](#) and much more (note: you will need to login to your IEEE member account). Mark and Charles are available to provide assistance to a group or individually with these tools and any other. Also, IEEE's New Volunteer [Expense Reimbursement Platform \(Concur\)](#) is fully operational [for most IEEE-funded travel]. Please review the training and request access to the Concur site [if you are the region-funded representative from your section going to Southeastcon].*

Sincerely,  
Bill Marshall

I have nothing else to report this month.  
Bill