To: Region 3 Committee
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From: Eric Grigorian, IEEE Region 3 Conference Committee Chair
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First and foremost, Conference Committee (ConfComm) would like to extend its gratitude to SoutheastCon 2020 Organizing Committee for all their planning and hard work to host the conference.

ConfComm has met several times since first of the year preparing for the upcoming SoutheastCon. The committee has been engaged with reviewing potential candidate site for SoutheastCon 2023. Charles Lord also had an opportunity to perform site surveys while he was travelling to meet with SoutheastCon 2021 and SoutheastCon 2022 organizing committees. ConfComm intended to submit a motion to the Region 3 Committee during the SoutheastCon 2020, however, due to the cancellation of the event, the committee will work will Region 3 ExCom to schedule a WebEx session and present the recommendation for a vote. ConfComm will work with SoutheastCon 2020 for planned virtual events for technical presentations.

Additionally the committee has been busy in reviewing and updating the SoutheastCon Operations Manual with a goal of releasing the manual during or post SoutheastCon 2020. With the valuable lessons learned as a result of cancellation of SoutheastCon 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic, the manual will include additional information for consideration. Post release of the manual, the committee will start working on a budgeting tool for conferences. Additional the committee will start reviewing its contractual agreement with X-CD and evaluate extending or identify and recommend alternate conference registration and technical paper management system.

The committee is also actively searching for potential host site for 2024 and 2025. If any Section or Council is interested in hosting SoutheastCon, please contact ConfComm for coordination, site selection, and budget planning.

Regards,

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