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Update: Director's Report

To: Region 3 Committee

Subject: Region 3 Director's Report

Date: 30 March 2020

I am so sorry that we were not able to have our face to face meeting at SoutheastCon this year, I was really looking forward to seeing everyone! I am very thankful to the SoutheastCon Committee for all the work they did beforehand, and even more thankful for the quick response to having to shut-down at the last minute. I'm happy to say that the SoutheastCon 2020 Virtual Technical Conference was successfully run this past weekend – a very quick turn-around! Thank you to all the people involved in that accomplishment!

Our Section Operations Specialists in the Section Support Committee (SSC) are preparing 3 webinars on how to run WebEx meetings and WebEx events. You'll hear more about that during the telecon, and information will be sent out soon. I've also asked the SSC to set up webinars for the training that we missed at SoutheastCon. More information on that will be available soon.

For our "New Event" challenge for 2020 – it is still on! I will be sending all Section Chairs an email with ideas for new events. We will then also have webinars on some of those ideas – and the webinars will be recorded so that you can watch them later if necessary. I'll also try to provide a point of contact for each idea, so you have someone to go to when you have questions. At Sections Congress, I'd like each Section to provide a report on their new event – if it has been held, tell us how it went; if it has been scheduled but not yet held, tells us the date and what you will be doing. This is a great time for innovation! Spend some time now planning something different – an innovative virtual meeting/event, or something that can be done once everyone can get back together face-to-face. Think outside the box!

Hopefully your Area Chairs have contacted you about coming up with suggestions for Sections Congress recommendations. We will be gathering those soon. At this point, Sections Congress is still on schedule. I received an email just yesterday asking me to submit summaries of my presentations (I'm giving two presentations about Chapter support). Do not book any Sections Congress flights yet. **IEEE has asked that no air travel be booked at this time.** Once that restriction is lifted, many of you may be able to use your SoutheastCon air travel credit towards your Sections Congress flight!

I am waiting to receive videos from the IEEE-USA President-Elect candidates. As soon as I have those, I will make the IEEE Pres-Elect candidate videos and the IEEE-USA Pres-Elect candidate videos available for everyone to view, and will request your questions for me to submit to the candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORIGINAL REPORT On March 11, 2020 at 8:48 AM, Jill Gostin <jillgostin@icloud.com> wrote:

Director's Report

To: Region 3 Committee

Subject: Region 3 Director's Report

Date: 15 March 2020

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon in Raleigh! We are starting the Region meetings at 4:00 pm March 13, and we'll end up at noon on March 15. I have attached the updated schedule to this report – note that on Friday I have added a brief ExCom meeting to the end of the agenda. Those not on the ExCom (for example, Section Chairs), may leave at that time. Thank you to all those who have agreed to be speakers! I look forward to our meetings in Raleigh, especially working on ways to help us all with Making New Connections.

I'm sure you've all seen the conference emails about the Coronavirus. Please follow the guidance in those emails about cancellations. Note that we had multiple meetings about this, including with IEEE, IEEE Meetings, Conferences & Events (MCE), and IEEE's Event Emergency Response Team (EERT). Given the low health risk to most individuals, the low incidence of cases in NC, and the NC Governor's statement that events should continue with a lenient cancellation policy for those that are sick, IEEE, IEEE MCE and IEEE EERT all recommended that we not cancel the conference. For those of you that can't attend, we are in the process of trying to set up webex meetings for the Friday afternoon ExCom meeting, and for the Sunday morning Committee Meeting. More info on that will be sent out at a later time.

Key items for the R3 meetings at SoutheastCon:

- Training for new volunteers and experienced volunteers
- Awards Banquet!
- Area Meetings
- Discussions about Sections Congress travel
- Selection of Sections Congress recommendations
- SoutheastCon 2023 discussion and motion
- Breakout sessions on running a new type of event – something your Section has never done before
- Motion on updating our Governing documents

- Hear from IEEE and IEEE-USA President Elect candidates
- Making new connections with others from across the Region!

Writing this report has been a challenge due to recent surgery; I hope I didn't leave anything out and please be forgiving of any typos. 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 Meetings, 2020 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

R3 Committee Business Meeting: Meeting at SoutheastCon, Sunday morning March 15
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)
Chair, Joint TAB/MGA AdHoc on Improving Chapter Support (2019-2020)
Member, IEEE Lifelong Learning AdHoc
Member, Future Directions Committee (2019-2020)
Member, TAB Finance Committee (2019-2020)
Ombudsman, IEEE Computer Society (2020)

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