

**IEEE Eastern North Carolina Section (ENCS)
Report to Region 3 Committee 3/30/2020**

Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom

None.

Successes/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public

1. **Annual elections for Section and most components completed and annual leadership transition initiated** with leadership training session, many committee and other leadership roles still available, but candidate **volunteers are very limited.**
2. **Have held in-person Administrative Committee and Executive Committee meetings** for planning and stimulating section, chapter, affinity group, and subsection activity. Even prior to the COVID-19 impact, **considerable challenge remained to generate membership activities, especially in the area of technical chapter activities.**
3. **After COVID-19 impacts were beginning to take hold, held WebEx meeting focused on Technical Activities Planning.** Hope to generate virtual chapter activities using WebEx or other virtual meeting technologies.
4. **Held several in-person activities to engage section-wide membership,** including:
 - a. 1/22/20 Meeting focused on Maximizing the Value of IEEE Membership
 - b. 2/20/20 Engineers Week Banquet with program on Connected Autonomous Shuttles Supporting Innovation (CASSI) project being implemented on the North Carolina State University Centennial Campus.
 - c. 2/22/20 Engineering Day at The Forge Initiative for Families
5. **Held several in-person activities focused on the interests of selected chapter & affinity group members,** including:
 - a. 1/23/20 WiE visit to Triangle Women in STEM.
 - b. 2/4/20 EMC Meeting with program on High-Speed Signal Integrity Challenges and Opportunities for Next Generation Technologies.
 - c. 2/11/20 YP/WiE Kickoff Social.
 - d. 2/14/20 PES Scholarship Award Ceremony at NCSU.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

SoutheastCon 2020 – The conference committee made laudable effort to prepare for and host this annual conference in Raleigh, North Carolina on March 12-15. The crush of final preparations was well underway before the impacts of COVID-19 were known. Preparations were continuing, the initial workshops were underway, and many participants were in transit, when late on March 12, the North Carolina Governor ordered group activities to cease. The Committee then went into recovery mode: notifying attendees of suspension of the conference activities, packing up and removing all the materials from the convention center, arranging refunds, conceiving and organizing a backup virtual paper presentation opportunity for registered speakers, and more.

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