

## IEEE R3 Melbourne Section Report for March 14, 2020

- Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom
  - Being new to the position of Section Chair, I am still learning what support can be offered/expected
  - We appreciate the work and effort of R3 ExCom put into meetings such as SE Con which I will take advantage of and learn as much as possible
- Success/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public
  - Our section has started the year by organizing our meeting dates and location to be consistent throughout the year
  - We are meeting on the third Wednesday of odd months at a meeting room in a local organization's hall
  - We have put together a newsletter to send out to the membership to update them on what is going on with the Section. The newsletter includes pictures of the ExCom so that they can feel confident to attend and not meet with total strangers
  - We plan at least two Senior Member Drives and at least one Life Member Drive per year
  - We have a strong Consultants Network and have at least two meetings per year with one being a full day seminar with various presenters
  - Our goal is to have a speaker at every Section Meeting. The speaker can be from our specialties or others such as Accountants, Investment Counselors, etc.
  - We plan to have a yearly Section Picnic in the spring and an Awards Banquet towards the end of the year. These are always very well received and attended
  - When we do not have a speaker scheduled at our section meeting, the membership is invited to bring in an example and present on their lifelong hobby. i.e. Any sport, collecting spoons, motorcycles, bells, horology, etc.
- Notable section activities (Positive and Negative)
  - The ever-on-going challenges of maintaining section interest, participation and membership are always uppermost in our efforts. I would not label these as negative, just part of the organizational process
  - On the positive side, those members who do participate, offer great support, ideas and follow through in making the section interesting so that we attract those members who do not participate frequently. We find new-old faces joining our meetings as we disseminate interesting information and fun/fulfilling experiences
  - The Melbourne Section Success/Opportunities listed in the middle section of this report offers an idea of the positive experiences we plan for all our membership

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