

IEEE R3 Richmond Section Report

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Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom

None at this time.

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

- Approximately 20 members renewed their memberships after receiving individualized emails. We have found that the response rate is better when we use individualized emails rather than generic eNotices. Another advantage of individualized emails over eNotices is that eNotices do not let you know if the email to a member bounces.
- The IEEE Industry Applications Society had a very well attended Chapter Formation meeting on March 5th. Fourteen IEEE members and two guests attended. The pre-printed nametags were very helpful since many attendees were meeting for the first time.
- Emails were sent to 19 Members asking if they would accept a nomination for Senior Member elevation. Thirteen have said “Yes” and six have not yet responded. Several of the people contacted said that they had thought about applying for Senior Member but had held off because they did not know how to find current Senior Members, Fellows, or Honorary Members who could serve as references. We help our Members find these references by occasionally having Senior Member Drives where current Senior Members or Fellows meet with candidates to talk with them about the candidate’s backgrounds and answer any questions about how to fill out the application. These discussions of the candidate’s backgrounds then allow the existing Senior Members or Fellows to serve as references for the candidates. The discussions also give members a chance to get to know each other.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- + Dr. Ravi Hadimani, Vice-Chair of the EMB/Magnetics Joint Chapter was honored as the “Engineer of the Year” at the Richmond Joint Engineers Council annual banquet on February 20th.
- A robotics company in the Richmond area suddenly closed, affecting several of our members. If you are looking for engineers with experience in robotics, embedded systems, or high-speed circuit board design, please contact allen.jones@ieee.org to be put in contact with these people.
- + A current calendar of meetings within the Richmond Section can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/>.
 - Meetings for February 2020 can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/month/?tribe-bar-date=2020-02-01>.
 - Meetings for March 2020 can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/month/?tribe-bar-date=2020-03-01>.
 - Meetings for April 2020 can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/month/?tribe-bar-date=2020-04-01>.

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