

To: Region 3 Committee
CC: Region 3 ExCom
Fr: David Green, R3 SOSC Chair
Dt: 15 March 2020

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) met most recently on 2 March. We discussed the upcoming SoutheastCon plans. We are planning on another update to R3 Operations Manual and potentially the Bylaws towards the end of the year. During this meeting, we reviewed potential changes to Section 2 of the Operations Manual.

Based on an assignment from Director Gostin, a subcommittee to provide recommendations based on the Operational Audit Committee's report on Area Chairs. The subcommittee will review the Area Chair functions and recommend a path forward. Gregg Vaughn is chairing this subcommittee.

The [2020 Strategy and Goals document](#) approved at the January ExCom meeting are posted to the Region 3 Website.

Changes to the Region 3 Bylaws were proposed by the SOSC Committee and recommended by the Region 3 ExCom. As reported then, these changes will be part of the Region 3 Committee agenda on March 15, 2020. In addition to minor editorial changes, the two changes were to 1) change a member of the Region 3 Committee from Member Activities Committee Chair to Conference Committee Chair, and 2) remove references to SouthCon. The committee "Member Activities" was changed in name and scope to be "Member Communications" with a "Member Recruitment/Retention Coordinator" position created which is part of both "Member Communications" and "Section Support". The R3 Committee member was changed based on the importance of the conferences to the Region and the potential for additional tuning of the other committees. The SouthCon text is being belatedly removed – the conference and its organization were dissolved long ago.

In January 2020, the SOSC proposed and the Region ExCom approved changes to the Operations Manual. These changes were reported at the time. The latest update of the [R3 Operations Manual](#) (after alphabetizing the presentation of committees in Section 5) and the related calendars approved at the last ExCom meeting are posted to the Region 3 Website.

The SOSC is continuing its work to further update and improve the operations manual. Please send comments and suggestions to the SOSC chair.

During the meeting, the Strategic Operations Support Committee received reports from the committee (and function) mentors:

- Awards and Recognition Committee – Gregg Vaughn
- Member Communications Committee – Bill Ratcliff
- Conference Committee – Jim Conrad (unable to attend)
- Finance Committee – Dave Green
- Section Support Committee – Mary Ellen Randall and Bill Ratcliff
- Professional Activities Committee – Theresa Brunasso
- Student Activities Committee – Pat Donohoe
- Membership Recruitment/Retention Function – Jim Howard and Lee Stogner
- Area Chairs: Theresa Brunasso

Please keep these volunteer mentors in the loop and make use of their corporate memory and experience.

The next meeting of the SOSC is planned for 6 April 2020.