

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

- One of our Graduate Student Members is doing a research project on strategies that IT managers are using to retain technology employees who would otherwise be laid off. Members who were interested in participating were asked to contact the Graduate Student Member directly.
- The IEEE Industry Applications Society had a “Chapter Formation – Next Steps” virtual meeting on April 29th to finalize the wording of the Chapter formulation petition.
- The Richmond Section currently has twelve Senior Member nominations in various stages of completion. Many members hesitate to apply for Senior Member status because they do not already know of several potential references who are IEEE Senior Members, Senior Life Members, Honorary Members, Life Members, or Senior Life Members. To address this, we plan to have a virtual meet-and-greet meeting between Senior Member candidates and those who are eligible to serve as references. This will give the potential references enough of an understanding of the candidates’ backgrounds to complete the reference section. It will also give the local membership an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- There will be an IEEE Industry Applications Society Richmond Chapter meeting on June 4th with panelists answering the question “How is your company / industry handling COVID-19?”
- Most other activities, other than virtual ExCom meetings, are temporarily on hold due to the virus.

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