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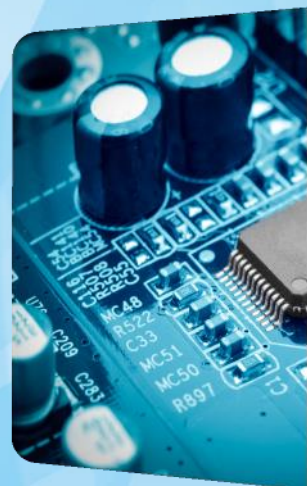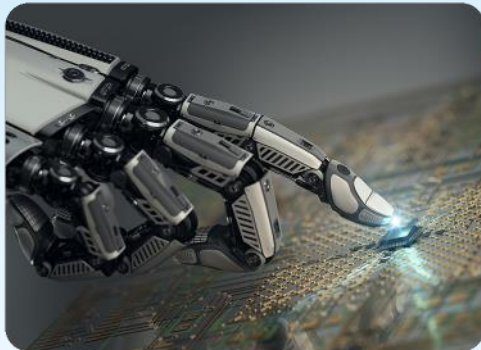

Proposed Region 3 Area Changes

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Outline

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➢ What are Areas and Councils

➢ Why Make Changes

➢ Process

What are Areas and Councils

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➢ Video link was sent to the ExCom and Section Chairs this week
- IEEE 101
- Governance documents
- "A Targeted Introduction for Region 3 Section Chairs, March 2021"

➢ Available on the Region 3 Volunteers YouTube channel

➢ https://youtu.be/H-KRAfNtCiQ

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What are Areas

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➢ Paraphrasing: An Area is a part of a Region, consisting of several Sections, which is established by the Region Committee for the purpose of improving communications within and management of the Region

- Area Chairs are appointed by the Region Director
- <u>The Area Chair acts on behalf of and at the direction of the Region Director</u> on specific assignments related to the management and administration of the Region
- The Area Chair(s) may serve on the Region Committee with the approval of the Region Committee

➢ Areas are a line of insight into Section health, and a way to share resources, best practices, and training

➢ Director-Elect works directly with the Area Chairs

What are Geographic Councils

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➢ Paraphrasing: A Council is formed by agreement of a group of contiguous Sections, and it exists at their pleasure – it is subordinate to the Sections and the Sections direct its operation

- Sections can join existing Councils
- Sections can withdraw from Councils

➢ Councils are a way for Sections to work together to do things they perhaps could not do, or could not do as effectively, on their own

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Why Make Changes

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➤ There are currently 9 Areas, ranging in size from 1 Section to 12 Sections

➤ There are currently 3 Councils

➤ Governing documents are not in agreement:

- From the R3 bylaws: "Where the Sections in a state or other geographical area form a Council and elect a chair, this elected chair will serve also as the Area Chair for that group of Sections."

- From the R3 Operations Manual: "An Area Chair represents the Region in each Area. It is permissible to substitute a Council Chair in the event the Council boundaries encompass the geographic Area. There can be one or more Councils in an Area."

Why Make Changes

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➢An Area Chair that also serves as a Council Chair is supposed to operate both at the direction of the Sections AND at the direction of the Region Director

➢Changes to Areas will not affect Councils. Current Councils can remain as they are

➢Reducing the number of Areas/Area Chairs allows more of the ExCom members to serve on the Region Committee, while still leaving the majority of the Region Committee as the Section Chairs (41 Sections chairs)

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Process

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➢ Region Directors starting in 2014 have suggested and studied a reduction in the number of Areas

➢ Meetings with Area Chairs were held at several SoutheastCons to discuss this, including the currently proposed change

➢ Two ad hocs have studied the problem and reported their findings in 2019 and 2020

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Process

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➢ Based on the findings of the 2020 Ad Hoc, I recommended that we proceed with their suggested reduction to 5 Areas

➢ Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) voted to approve the change and begin the process of modifying governing documents

➢ SOSC distributed the governing document changes in January, and discussed the changes at both the January and February ExCom meetings, with a motion in February

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Process

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➢ The ExCom approved the February motion

➢ A motion will be presented tomorrow to the Region 3 Committee to approve the changes

➢ If the motion passes, the changes will be sent forward through MGA for legal and governance reviews, then MGA Board approval (hopefully June)

➢ If approved, the new Areas will be effective on Jan 1, 2022

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Thank you!

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