IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon 2021









Conference Committee

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Region 3 Conference Committee Chair
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This is the Conference Committee...

Extracted from R3 Operations Manual

Article V.2: The Conference Committee (CC) shall facilitate effective and timely conference planning and execution in the Region, especially SoutheastCon.

Article VI: SoutheastCon Technical Conference & Exhibition is held for the technical and professional development of Region 3 members as specified in the Region 3 ByLaws (see VI.2). The Region 3 Student Conference may be held concurrently. SoutheastCon will be moved around the Region to provide the opportunity for all Region 3 entities to serve as hosts or cohosts.

Committee Membership

- 1. The CC Chair shall be a member.
- The CC Vice Chair shall be a member.
- 3. The Delegate/Director-elect shall be a member.
- 4. The immediate past CC Chair shall be a member.
- 5. The Student Activities Chair shall be a member.
- 6. The Region 3 Treasurer shall be a member.
- 7. The Conference Operations Specialist shall be a member.
- 8. A past Delegate/Director shall be a member and serve as a mentor.
- 9. The Present, immediate Past and next two Future SoutheastCon General Chairs or an agreed upon representative (by the specific SoutheastCon Committee and the Region 3 Director) shall be members.
- 10. A member of the IEEE Staff dealing with conferences may be a non-voting member.



Responsibilities

Extracted from R3 Operations Manual

The CC shall:

- 1. Encourage Region 3 organizational units to develop conferences to meet the specialized interests of their members.
- 2. Solicit invitations from Sections in Region 3 to host SoutheastCon in accordance with the Region 3 SoutheastCon Operations Manual.

 Maintain a library of accumulated experience of the Region related to conferences
- to help ensure the success of future conferences.
- 4. Periodically review the effectiveness of the conferences sponsored by Region 3 organizational units and make recommendations for improvements.
- 5. Give assistance in the negotiation of contracts for service. Review, and approve all such contracts where Region 3 might have financial liability over \$5000.00.

 6. Provide support for Region 3 conferences including sub-OUs with a focus on
- SoutheastCon.
- 7. Maintain the IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon Operations Manual.



IEEE SoutheastCon

Opportunities abound!

- ➤ Engage Section/Council members to work together toward a common good
- Expand volunteers that can assist various roles on the conference committee
- Provide members with new leadership/mentorship roles
- Expand IEEE visibility within local community
- ➤ Increase visibility to IEEE members locally
- Engage with other technical societies such as AIAA, ASME, INCOSE, SWE...
- ➤ Increase student memberships and participation
- ➤ Engage K-12 STEM
- Provide source of revenue to hosting Section/Council



IEEE Conference Committee

We are here to mentor and support

- Liaison between Region and Section for SoutheastCon
 Financial and Technical Co-sponsorships
 Provide continuity of knowledge
- Initiating activities to expand Region sponsored conference beyond SoutheastCon
 - Expanding locally hosted Technical conference with support from Region to be held in late summer/early fall
 • Re-engaging conferences that were held in the past with support from Region
 - Conference Committee
 - Engaging with other Regions for joint conferences
- Mentoring
 - Can provide a mentor for a hosted conference
 - Mentors have many years of experience hosting IEEE conferences
- ➤ Support

 - Can provide conflict resolutionCan provide recommendations for services
 - On a case-by-case basis may be able to provide financial startup loan



2021 Committee Members

Conference Committee Chair Eric Grigorian

Conference Committee Vice Chair Glenn Parker

Region 3 Director Jill Gostin

Region 3 Director Elect Theresa Brunasso

Past Conference Committee Chair & Mentor Sean Haynes

Regional Student Activities Chair Bailey Heyman

Conference Operations Specialist Charles Lord

Region 3 Treasurer John Balsam

Former Region 3 Director Jim Conrad

Southeastcon 2020 Parag Upadhyay

Southeastcon 2021 Wyman Williams

Southeastcon 2022 Warren Nicholson / Yusef El-Sharkh

SoutheastCon 2023 Joe Juisai



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Annual Region 3 Conference

- Local Sections Notify Conference Committee of Interest (2025+)
 - Region will review location with Section for potential sites that could be host based on current conference requirements
 - Region will review and establish initial budget based on
- Region will work with Section to perform all logistics associated with site selection
- Region will provide registration logistics
- Region will provide mentors
- Section is expected to provide
 - Local Organizing Committee (General Chair, Treasurer, Program Chair, Student Program Chair)
 - Engage and expand Student Chapter involvement
 - Local Volunteer Staff at Conference Time
- Region will be responsible for Student Paper, Ethics, Networking, T-shirt, and Website Competitions
- Section will be responsible for Student Hardware, Software, and any additional locally developed Competitions
- Requires a 3 year commitment



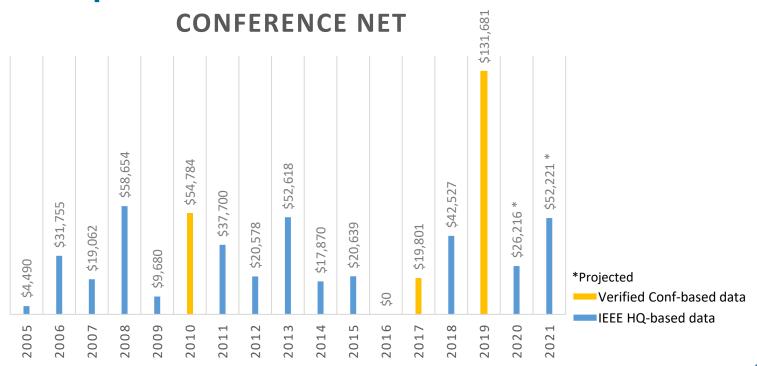
SoutheastCon SDF '84 LEX '99, '14 **ROA '97** RIC '86, '07 **Locations** 16 TYS '88 ORF '16 BNA '00, '11 RDU '85, '95, '20* MEM '06 NC TN CLT/KJQF '93, '10, '17 HSV '81, '08, '19 SC Region 3 **CEU '01** BHM '92 GA AL MS CAE '89, '02 MOB '22** ATL '09, '21*, '24 MSY '90 FL JAX '13 TPA '87, '96, '18 MIA '94, FLL '00, '15 MCO '98, '12, '23 *Virtual Conference OCJ '03 JAMAICA



**Hybrid Conference



Historical Surplus



Data Source: IEEE HQ Finance



Conference Operations Manual

Annual Region 3 Conference

- ➤ Specific to SoutheastCon
- A guide for Region and hosting Sections on "How to Hold a SoutheastCon"
- Living document that will be updated as conference hosting processes evolve
 - Based on lessons learned
 - Provides details of all activities associated with hosting a conference
 - Links and POCs to assist with planning
- Collaboratively updated based on input from committee members to take on specific sections and provide content
- ➤ During 2020, document was released as Rev on April 20, 2020 and is currently being updated with additional gaps to include virtual/hybrid conference information
- Released document available on Region website for Sections/Council considering to host



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Thank you!

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