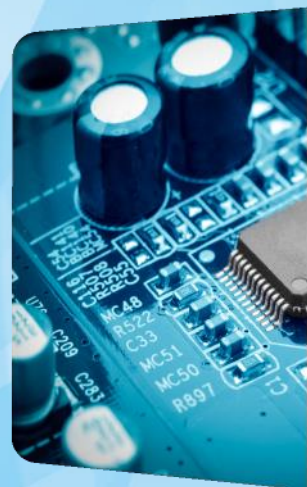
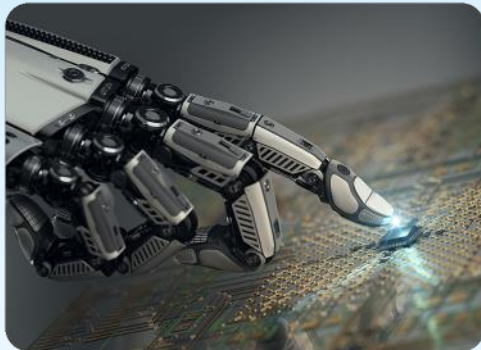


# IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon 2021



## Region 3 Committee Meeting: Section Support Committee

*Dr. Bill Marshall, SSC Chair*

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*The R3 SSC's **Mission** (the 1<sup>st</sup> set of shall statements)*

From the MGA Operations Manual (page 21) ...

“The Section Support Committee (SSC) shall:

- Assist the Sections in as many ways as possible
- (1) to stimulate the interest of IEEE members
- (2) to motivate members to volunteer
- (3) to encourage professional and technical growth of all members
- (4) to share best practices with other Sections, and
- (5) to form Engineering Affinity Groups.”

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*The R3 SSC's Responsibilities (the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of shall statements), from the same page*

## “The Section Support Committee (SSC) shall:

- 1. **Assist** Sections in using vTools Voting to carry out their officer elections as outlined in the MGA Operations Manual (Section 9H) and report on which sections are using the tool for their elections.
- 2. **Assist** in training section volunteers.
- 3. **Provide** assistance and support to those Sections and Chapters that are having problems in meeting the requirements to remain active and viable.
- 4. **Assist** Sections in the use of collaborative tools and other technologies that support Section and Region activities.
- 10. **Assist** sections in developing technical programs for their members, providing support and training to their local chapters, and accessing other technical activities in the Institute.
- 5. **Encourage** Sections to sponsor member grade elevation programs.
- 6. **Encourage** Sections to sponsor programs that support the interest and continued activity of Life Members, Young Professionals, Women In Engineering, Consultants Group, and all other Affinity groups.
- 7. **Encourage** Sections to sponsor projects to facilitate the active involvement of members in IEEE activities.
- 9. **Encourage** Sections to support STEM education efforts.
- 8. **Initiate** project experiments with one or more sections to encourage member engagement.
- 11. In coordination with the Region 3 Awards Chair’s preparation of the Region 3 Awards Program, **run** the Outstanding Section Awards program.

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This is who we are:

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# A Look Back to 2020

## *COVID-19 Scrambled Everything*

- The affinity group coordinators had varying degrees of success in responding ... of course, YPs barely missed a beat
- Grayson came up with a great 2-year “Pandemic Projects” idea
- Senior Member elevations were strongly supported
- A lot of energy was spent learning, and to some success, mastering technology requirements of going virtual
  - Hosted “Leadership Wednesdays” after SoutheastCon for volunteers
  - Hosted member-focused events on Tuesdays and Thursdays
  - Recorded many of them and posted on the Region 3 YouTube Channel

# A Look Ahead to 2021

*Coming out of the COVID-19 fog*

- Pursuing better coordination with area chairs to actively support struggling sections
- Again supporting “Leadership Wednesdays” and “Member Thursdays” with live presentations that will be recorded and added to the R3 YouTube catalog
- Restoring active engagement for all affinity groups
- A resumed technical activities effort
- Of course, the “Pandemic Projects” will continue