Director's Report
To: R3 ExCom, R3 Committee, R3 SOSC
Subject: Region 3 Director's Report
Date: 16 August 2021

Region 3 Committee meeting is 3 April 2022 (with additional content on 1-2 April)
Upcoming Region 3 ExCom Webex will be 16 August 2021, 8-10 pm eastern

Greetings to all!

I've been hearing a lot of frustration lately about how to continue to hold meetings, especially given the upsurge of COVID and the Delta variant. As always, follow your local guidance about meetings, social distancing, and masking. You might want to survey your members about whether they are willing to meet face to face (that is, if YOU as a volunteer leader are also willing to meet face to face!), or if virtual meetings are preferred. I know everyone is tired of meeting virtually – so add variety to those meetings! I just had a conversation with members of the NC Council last evening, and that's their plan. Examples of ideas for a variety of virtual meetings included socials, a mentoring event with students, a talk on entrepreneurship, using IEEE staff or committee leaders to provide a talk, using recorded content followed by an open discussion, and having a local group (IEEE or non-IEEE) giving a talk about their activities.

I sent out an email to you on July 29 about IEEE Day, which is October 5, 2021 (but you can celebrate between October 1-17). What plans do you have to celebrate? I'd like to hear your plans. Please send me an email letting me know what you will be doing. For ideas, visit https://ieeeday.org/ or reach out to our IEEE Day representative, Lee Stogner.

At Monday's ExCom meeting we will be voting on some corrections to the Region 3 Awards Operations Manual, changes to the existing Region 3 Awards, and a new Region 3 Award. That information was sent out to you by Nelson Lourenco, for your review before the meeting. If we approve the changes/additions to the Awards, those changes will then be sent to the MGA Awards and Recognitions Committee and from there to the MGA Board for approval. It's a long process, but we do want to make sure our awards are clearly stated and meaningful, and appropriately recognize achievements in the Region. Voting ExCom members, please come prepared to vote. If anyone has questions or comments before the ExCom meeting, reach out directly to Nelson Lourenco (see his email with the change documents).

Section officers – don't forget to make use of your Area Chair or the Region 3 committee chairs if you have questions or need help. What challenges are you facing? What successes have you had? Let's share best practices and work together to keep moving forward. Don't forget to be thinking of new ideas and new events! That is how you will pull in people that haven't participated recently (or ever)!

Thank you for your contributions to our Region!

Respectfully submitted,
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ExCom and Committee Meetings, 2021 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

ExCom WebEx: August 16, 2021
ExCom WebEx: September 20, 2021
ExCom WebEx: October 18, 2021
ExCom WebEx: November 15, 2021
ExCom WebEx: December 20, 2021