To: Region 3 ExCom
Cc: Region 3 Committee
Fm: David Green, R3 SOSC Chair
Dt: 18 October 2021

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) had its most recent meeting on 27 September 2021.

The ad committee on approaches for supporting Professional Activities, as the IEEE-USA funding ceases in 2022, presented an interim report. After discussion, the group agreed to submit a proposal for recommendation to the ExCom at our next meeting.

Director-elect Theresa Brunasso led the group to discuss an additional duties document for Area Chairs and proposed changes to the operations manual. The expectation is that the operations manual revisions will include a reference to this supplemental information on the Region 3 Website. It is anticipated that this will be brought to the ExCom in November or December to approve the operations manual changes.

Bill Ratcliff, who chairs the R3 IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in Action) Ad Hoc, reported on progress on the ExCom survey, which had a 22% response rate at the time of the meeting. He expected to review the results with the Ad Hoc and begin the survey of all Region 3 members assuming there were no issues.

The committee then received and discussed reports from the mentors of the various Region 3 Committees. The committee (and function) mentors are

- Awards and Recognition Committee - Gregg Vaughn
- Member Communications Committee - Bill Ratcliff
- Conference Committee - Jim Conrad
- Finance Committee - Dave Green
- Section Support Committee - Mary Ellen Randall and Bill Ratcliff
- Professional Activities Committee - Theresa Brunasso
- Student Activities Committee - Pat Donohoe
- Membership Recruitment/Retention Function - Lee Stogner
- Area Chairs: Theresa Brunasso

Please keep these volunteer mentors in the loop and make use of their corporate memory and experience.

The next meeting of the SOSC will be on 01 November 2021.