## **R3 Conference Committee Chair Report**

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Everyone,

Here is my first report as R3 Conference Committee Chair. I want to thank Eric Grigorian and Charles Lord plus the entire conference committee for getting me up to speed.

To: Region 3 ExCom

From: Eric S. Ackerman. Ph.D. (<u>e.ackerman@ieee.org</u>)

Date: January 24, 2022

RE: R3 Conference Committee Monthly Chair Report

Conference Committee conducted the following activities since the last ExCom meeting:

- Participated in SoutheastCon 2022 organizing committee meetings
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- Submitted eNotice on Call for Paper and Registrations
- Worked with the SoutheastCon 2022 committee to get papers reviewed and accepted and get the authors registered for the conference.
  - Currently there are 148 papers submitted
  - Reviews are Underway one third of reviews assigned have been completed. A reminder went out today that the deadline is in one week.
- Updated SoutheastCon 2022 website updated registration and paper info.
- Charles Lord has been working to lower required hotel room nights by one half to reduce financial
  exposure due to the possibility of low attendance. This can be achieved if we commit to returning to the
  facility in 2026. We are working on getting the Mobile section to officially agree to this and submit a
  new proposal.

## Action Items for Region 3:

- The Conference Committee accepted a proposal from the NC Council to host SoutheastCon 2025 in Charlotte March 27-30, 2025. This proposal is attached to the report and needs to be voted on by the Region Committee. Can the Excom approve this proposal at least as an endorsement so the NCC can move forward with MCE?
- To help assure the health and well-being of the participants at SoutheastCon 2022, we are proposing that the region purchase 1200 N95 masks for distribution at the conference. We are asking for a vote on adding this item (\$1500) to the region budget for this expense.

## Assistance needed:

• Need everyone to Register for hotel and conference ASAP.

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- Sections/Councils interested in hosting SoutheastCon 2025+
- Sections/Councils interested in hosting Technical Conferences/Summit

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