IEEE R3 Section Support Committee Report

17 October 2022

R3 SSC Team

Last SSC meeting: 11 October 2022

SSC Team:

- <mark>SSC Chair Kristin Bing on medical outage, please keep her in your thoughts.</mark>
- Allen Jones – Projects Coordinator (attended)
- Tamseel Mahmood – Technical Activities Coordinator (attended)
- Binesh Kumar – YP Coordinator (attended)
- Evelyn Licona – WIE Coordinator (attended)
- Claude Pitts – Life Members Coordinator
- Damith Wickramanayake – Education Activities Coordinator (attended)
- Sharlene Brown – Membership Recruitment and Retention Coordinator (attended)
- Chan Wong – Industry Engagement Coordinator
- Andrew Seely – Senior Membership Coordinator / Acting SSC Chair (attended)
- Mark Torres - Sections Operations (attended)
- Charles Lord – Sections Operations (attended)
- Bill Ratcliff - Mentor (attended)

R3 SSC Web Site

- R3 SSC Knowledgebase is under construction: https://kb.ieee.org/r3/
- Developer of the MineraKB Knowledgebase Plugin is located in the Ukraine and will not be able to provide any product support until the war ends.
- SSC is currently considering alternatives to the MineraKB plugin
    - Alternative 1: Reconfigure MinervaKB – Andy has requested specific help from Khanh Luu with respect to a configuration setting that is not working
    - Alternative 2: The team has collected a set of alternatives to test and will request IT support to evaluate them in November
        - BetterDocs
        - Echo Knowledge Base
        - BasePress
        - Helpie FAQ

Projects Committee

- The initial deadline for Sections to request funding for Climate Change projects is October 15th. Requests for that first round of funding are limited to $1000 and one request per Section. If all $10k of budgeted funding has not been exhausted at that

point, then Sections will have until December 15th to request larger amounts of funding and/or funding for multiple projects.

- To date, we have received two requests for funding, from the Jamaica Section and Orlando Section. Both proposals are under consideration and will require additional information before they can be considered for approval.

Technical Activities Coordinator

- Will be scheduling a meet up with the Section officers in R3 sometime in the end of November to discuss specific section needs and gather ideas of how SSC can support better.
- The Atlanta ComSoc chapter has filed a proposal to host School Series in Fall 2023 and requests R3 support to make the event a success if Atlanta is selected as a venue.

Young Professionals

- Region 3 YP is currently in the process of being revitalized. R3 Coordinator, Binesh Kumar, is setting up 1:1s with the region3 AG chairs to collect information on R3 YP activity and to come up with a strategic plan for 2023-2025.
- 2) Region1, Region 2 and Region 3 YPs plan on jointly organizing a YP summit at Southeastcon 2023. Planning meetings are scheduled between the three Regions in the upcoming month to come up with a high level game plan. Region 3 will be leading this effort and the strategic plan will be communicated at the conference summit.

Women in Engineering

SEPTEMBER

- Conversations with prospective new volunteer locally at ENC and regionally
- Weekly WIE East Forum Meeting, Finalizing list of WIE Volunteers attending forum
- WIE Extraordinary Women Extraordinary Science Seminar Series

OCTOBER

- Safety in Cyberspace webinar with Dr. Susan Goodwin and Angela Rittenbach (final details tbd) Session 2 of 2
- Weekly WIE East Forum Meeting Planning and Execution
  - WIE East Forum is happening this NOV back in person, plan to attend.
- WIE Town Hall + Special Speaker, details TBD probably moving to Nov
- Global WIE Conference Oct 13 at 9AM ET
- WIE Extraordinary Women Extraordinary Science Seminar Series Oct 14 at 9AM ET
- Working on a Call for Papers, final details TBD

WIE also needs volunteers for local Affinity Groups at Western NCarolina, Charlotte
Looking for volunteers to help in the planning and execution of SouthEastCon 2023 WIE Event.

Life Members

- Nothing significant to report (NSTR)

Education Activities Coordinator

- EPICS in IEEE Access and Abilities Competition
- More than 15 percent of the global population (about 1 billion people) live with disabilities, such as hearing, vision, mental health, or mobility impairments.
- The EPICS in IEEE committee is proud to announce the launch of a competition that challenges university students from all over the world to use their engineering skills to help solve accessibility issues within their communities. Proposals should identify an accessibility problem in the local community, and detail how the student team will attempt to solve the problem using engineering and technology skills. Student teams can win US$5,000-10,000 to build their prototype or solution!
- Proposal Submission Deadline: November 1st, 2022
- More information can be found here: https://epics.ieee.org/access-and-abilities-competition/

Member Recruitment & Retention Coordinator

- Membership Recruitment & Retention in celebration of IEEE Day hosted a webinar to celebrate IEEE Day on October 4, 2022.
- The webinar was mainly to engage the members of the region inclusive of the inactive members of R3 to boost reactivation of membership of the inactive members.
- The guest speaker for the event was Elyn Perez, Senior Manager, IEEE Membership Market Development. Our Region 3 Director, Theresa Brunasso, and Past Director Jill Gostin were presenters at the webinar. Andrew Seely, R3 Senior Member Elevation coordinator, also presented on Senior Membership elevation process. The logistics of the webinar was conducted by Pat Donohoe, Region 3 Secretary. Sonya Dillard, Membership Communications Chair, led the Question-and-Answer segment of the webinar.
- The attendees of the webinar were engaged as their participation was very interactive with the presenters.
- In addition to the webinar, an eNotice greeting was sent to all R3 members, wishing them Happy IEEE Day. The responses to the IEEE Day greeting were well received by the member and we have been receiving responses with interest to get involve with volunteering within the region.
- The next activity which will be the final for 2022 will be to meet with the Section Chairs & membership Development Chairs to help with developing their action plans for 2023. Tentatively this event is set for **December 1, 2022.**

Industry Engagement
- NSTR

Senior Members
- Senior Member Roundup planned for 29 October 2022; All sections invited to participate and/or co-host

- E-Notice sent out with calls for action for Collabratec, student interview project, and R3 senior membership development
- FWCS hosting Senior Member Gala – event to highlight and celebrate IEEE Senior Membership