

Past Director's Report
To: R3 ExCom, R3 Committee, R3 SOSOC
Subject: Region 3 Past Director's Report
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As I now begin my year of serving as the IEEE Vice President, MGA, I continue to also serve Region 3 as the Past Director. It is my honor and privilege to continue service to my home Region, and I look forward to seeing many of you at SoutheastCon and/or at Sections Congress this year!

As Past Director, I continue to Chair our Nominations and Appointments (N&A) Committee. Recently, Nelson Lourenco, our Awards and Recognitions Committee (ARC) Chair, let us know that he needs to step down from the role after SoutheastCon 2023. To that end, the N&A committee solicited names of those interested in the position, met and reviewed the multiple submitted names, and made a recommendation to Director Brunasso. Carlos Cabrera was selected as the ARC Chair beginning 1 week after SoutheastCon 2023, and continuing through 1 week after SoutheastCon 2024 (unless selected to continue in the position beyond that time by Director-Elect Grigorian). The updated list of volunteers is on the Consent Agenda for the meeting on Monday, and is included as an attachment with this report distribution. Many thanks to Nelson for his years of serving as our ARC Chair, and the excellent work he has done with the awards program, the awards manual, and getting new awards approved! If approved on the consent agenda, Carlos will work closely with Nelson over the coming months to prepare for taking on the role. Many of you are familiar with Carlos from his many years of service within the Region, including on the ARC. Carlos, thank you for being willing to take on this important role!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sections Congress 2023 in Ottawa, Canada, 11-13 August. Sections Congress is an exciting meeting and a great opportunity to meet other volunteers from around the world, to learn best practices, to find new ideas for re-invigorating your Section, and to hear from and ask questions of highly experienced IEEE leaders. MGA will pay for the attendance of one representative from every Section. More information will be coming soon (possibly at the ExCom meeting next week) about registering for the conference and your hotel, about a Region 3 Committee meeting there, and about the process for selecting Recommendations to be submitted by the Region. I am looking forward to attending Sections Congress 2023 and to seeing the impact it has on our volunteers – especially the first-time attendees!

Respectfully submitted,
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