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Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom

None at this time.

Successes/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public

- The IEEE Richmond Chapter of the Computer Society hosted a talk with Marianne Bellotti, the author of "Kill It with Fire: Manage Aging Computer Systems (and Future Proof Modern Ones." Sixteen other Chapters and Affinity Groups within Region 3 plus one in Region 2 also agreed to co-host the event. 91 people from 5 countries registered for the meeting. 31 IEEE members and 9 non-members attended the live virtual meeting and 55 unique viewers watched the recording of the meeting. Jointly hosting meetings helps with the recruiting of speakers, since they are assured of a bigger audience. It is not much harder to jointly host a meeting than it is for only one Chapter or Affinity Group to host the meeting. If other groups within this pool of co-hosts then offer to do the same, your members can have many opportunities to attend meetings on topics of interest to them. Also, your Chapter or Affinity Group can get credit for having held those meetings without your having to set up all of the meetings yourself.
- We are working on finalizing plans to have the IEEE MOVE-2 Disaster Response & Outreach Vehicle come to Richmond on Sunday, February 12th for Celebrate Engineering Ingenuity Day (the annual K-12 STEM event for the Richmond area) and to Virginia Commonwealth University on Monday, February 13th.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- Positive – We are looking forward to the IEEE MOVE vehicle's planned trip to Richmond in February.
- Negative – There is still a struggle keeping our volunteers actively engaged due to the economic uncertainty and the demands of their work. Since late summer, there has been a definite increase in the amount of time that it takes to get responses to emails. There has also been a drop in the number of people volunteering to help with activities. This isn't unique to IEEE. I'm hearing similar things from other engineering professional organizations as well.

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