Team,

I attended the February Board meetings in NYC earlier this month. I was very proud of our Region! The Admission and Advancement committee showed that we lead the Regions with 137.3% Senior Member elevations vs. our goal! That is due to the hard work of Andrew Seeley and his team. Contact him if you, or someone you know, is eligible for elevation to Senior Member. In addition, we lead the six US Regions with 2% growth in 2022. I was also very proud to see that our Region assessment has been just $2 since 1999. Region assessments range from $2 to $25 across the 10 Regions, and only Region 2 has an assessment as low as ours. It is due to the success of SoutheastCon and the hard work of volunteers like you that allows us to keep a healthy balance sheet year after year.

Once again, MGA has surplus funds, which we can use for a special project. I encourage you to take advantage of this program, that encourages Regions to work together. An outline of the program is provided at the end of this report.

As I noted last month, 2023 is a busy year for us. In April the Orlando Section is hosting SoutheastCon 2023. Each Section should have selected a delegate, and notified your Area Chair. Director-Elect Grigorian and I finalized the agenda and invitations have gone out to the speakers. In May, the VIC Summit & Honors Ceremony Gala will be held in Atlanta for the first time, and in August, we will be attending Sections Congress in Ottawa, Canada. This will be our first face to face Sections Congress since 2017 in Sydney.

I'm glad that we will have so many opportunities to meet and share experiences and ideas.

As always, thanks for all you do for IEEE!

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Brunasso
IEEE R3 Director

Guidelines on Requesting MGA Surplus Funding

- Projects **must be completed in the current year**
- Proposals will be **received no later than 8 April 2023** from each Region Executive Committee
- Multi-region projects are encouraged
- MGA FinCom will recommend a maximum amount of funding for all projects to the MGAB
- Compliance with the FOM rules will be reviewed by MGA FinCom
- If compliant, projects will be reviewed and ranked by MGA OpCom and recommended to the MGA Board for approval in June
- Submitting a request does not preclude the use of Region funds for projects that are outside of this guidelines
- It is encouraged that Region funds also be used to co-fund the proposed projects

Exceptions

- If a project requires software development, it will be subject to available resources
- As specified in the IEEE FOM, awards shall not be funded under this spending rule
- **Projects of less than $10,000 will not be considered**

Proposal Requirements

1. Project Title
2. Project Lead Name
3. Description: Include how the requested funds would be expended, anticipated participation, and the desired outcome
4. Does the project involve more than one Region – (if yes, please name Regions)
5. How project shall address member engagement, member retention, member recruitment
6. Description of the short-term and long-term impact of the project
7. Project Budget (USD)
   - Split % of the budget (Region/MGA)
8. Software requirements, if any
9. Estimated start/completion dates
10. Additional sections/comments