

To: Region 3 ExCom
From: Sonya Dillard, Region 3 Director-Elect
Subject: Director-Elect Report
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Region 3 Members,

I hope you all are having a wonderful January thus far. We had a week-long shutdown of the city, due to standing ice on the ground in Huntsville, Alabama. Other than hibernating indoors, things have been very busy for me this first month in office as R3 Director-Elect. I am learning that I will have MANY hats to wear in this position and participating in several committee meetings.

As the Chair for the R3 Area Chairs monthly meeting, we discussed several things that will be expected from Eric Grigorian, so I can elaborate more on our plans for reporting on next month. I also attended the R3 Financial Committee Meeting (FinCom), R3 Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) meeting, and the R1 – R6 Forum on 1/3/2024. As the Advisor/Mentor for the R3 Member Communications Committee (MCC), we held our first meeting of 2024 led by Andy Seely, who has a laundry list of goals and ideas to implement this year as you can see from his first submitted committee report. I have also been appointed as the R3 Coordinator for the Region Vitality Committee.

Locally, I also represent the IEEE by leading events such as: Alabama Regional Future City Competition, as the Alabama Co-Coordinator (representing the IEEE Huntsville Section). This event was held on January 20th with 19 teams competing for chance to compete at the DiscoverE National Finals in February during National Engineer's Week. I am also leading the effort of the IEEE Huntsville Section to host this year's "Huntsville Engineer's Week Awards Banquet" at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. We are inviting the Alabama Section, and other nearby Sections to support our event by purchasing seats to the banquet, if they are able to join us.

To RSVP and purchase ticket(s), click here: <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/399648>
Be sure to put your Section, for table seating assignments.

I have registered for 2024 SoutheastCon and highly encourage other Region 3 Members to do so as well. Register now at <https://ieeesoutheastcon.org/> Early registration and hotel room deadline is 2/14/2024.

Sincerely serving YOU!

Sonya Dillard