Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 MEETING
21 March 2010
Embassy Suites Hotel
Concord, NC

Attendees representing Sections (all voting): Kristin Bing, Eric S. Ackerman, Adam Wofford, Claude Hargrove, Tuan Ta, David Wallach, Mary Graves, Steve Carroll, Paul B. Goodson, Joe Finucane, Paul Blaylock, Eric Schwartz, Jaxon Naramore, Percy F. Shadwell, David Tullock-Reid, John Barnes, Xanthe Johnson, Brian King, Osama Mohammed, Catherine Anderson, Carl L. Hussey, Louis G. Hapeshis, Barbara A. King, Chris Hardy, Bruce Harvey, David Livingston, Bill Williams, Fred Orland

Attendees, ExCom Members (* = voting): Gregg Vaughn*, Don Hill*, David Green*, William Ratcliff*, William Labelle, Susan Ronning*, Thomas Bellamine, James M. Howard, William B. Harrison, Sean Haynes, James M. Anderson, Quang Tang*, Bruce Walcott, Charles Husbands, James H. Beall, Charles J. Lord, Tim Bigelow*, Jerry Goerz*, Richard L. Riddle*, Wah Wah Myint Garris, John Montague*, Charles E. Hickman, Roy H. Harris, Adeeb Hamzey, James Corr*, Ron Ogan*, Richard Baker*, George F. McClure, Wilfred A. Roberts*, William B. Clayton*, Lee Stogner*

Attendees, Other (non-voting): Bill Marxhall, Jill Gostin, Anastasia R. Davis, Dan Bishop, Paul Babin, Nick Younan, Cliff Menchew, Kimroy Bailey, Joe Lillie, Dennis Dice, Gordon Day, Mark Apter (A copy of the Attendance List will be sent by email to any attendee who requests it.)

The Region 3 meeting was held in conjunction with SoutheastCon 2010 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC on 21 March 2010. The following relate to the agenda items and define any actions taken. Region Director Lee Stogner called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved:
Region Committee to receive the reports listed in the Information Agenda.
Region Committee to receive the minutes of its 14 December 2009 Meeting.
Region Committee to approve the minutes of its 7-8 March 2009 Meeting.

Officer Reports: The officers referred to their submitted report that are available on line at ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/excom/meetings/2010-03/.

Action Items:
   a. Treasurer Don Hill presented the budget for 2010. The budget was modified from that presented last year by Charles Hickman by the inclusion of two expense items: travel for Director-Elect Green and travel for a fall meeting. The budget was approved.

Discussion Agenda
   a. Ron Jensen made a presentation: Overview of IEEE-USA.
   b. David Green made a presentation: Public Visibility Initiative and IEEE Tagline. Comments about the concepts of the Public Visibility Initiative should be sent to the following address. corporate-communications@ieee.org
   c. Chris McManes made a presentation: How to Interact with the Media.
   d. Susan Ronning asked for the name of the PACE person from all sections to be sent to her.

e. John Montague reported on the Members breakout. There were 21 members present. To most of the attendees the information was new and valuable.

f. Sean Haynes reported on the Conferences breakout. He reported on the status of future Southeastcon events. Lexington KY may bid on 2014. Jamacia has made a bid on 2015. There is interest in the East North Carolina Section for 2016.

g. Bill Clayton reported on the Communications breakout.

h. Jim Beall reported on the History breakout. Charles Hickman has agreed to work on closing gaps in the history of the Region.

i. Area/Council and Section Reports were presented. Many of these reports are included in the Information Agenda.

Old Business:

No old business identified.

New Business:

a. Ron Ogan mentioned the restriction limiting the Chapter online registration to just the Chair and Treasurer. This limitation discourages Chapter participation since the other officers are not recognized. For example, the Huntsville Aerospace & Electronic Systems Chapter has a full list of officers to support their more than 120 members but only the Chair and the Treasurer can be entered unless one uses the top section of the form that is designated for IEEE sections. Director Stogner volunteered to discuss the subject with IEEE staff.

b. Ron Ogan proposed a motion as follows: Authorize Region 3 support funds for two meetings: (1) at the Alabama Section, Birmingham, for an invited speaker and organizational meeting to increase member participation, renew officers and rejuvenate the Section (cost not to exceed $500) and (2) at the Mobile Section for an invited speaker and organizational meeting to increase member participation, renew officers and rejuvenate the Section (cost not to exceed $700). The total Region 3 expenditure requested would not exceed $1,200. David Green proposed that this proposal or a modified version of it be re-submitted to the Region 3 ExCom along with the participation of the active Sections in the area. Ron Ogan withdrew the motion.

Date and Location of Next Meeting:

A fall meeting of the Region 3 Committee is being planned. The location, dates, and time will be announced. Sean Haynes proposed that the fall meeting be held in a location like Mobile that is not usually visited by the Region.

Adjournment:

After a few closing remarks by Director Stogner, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Vaughn
Region 3 Secretary