

Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 ExCom E-Conference

9 May 2011

Attendees:

Bill Tiedemann	Jim Anderson
Daniel Tulloch-Reid	*John Montague
*David G. Green	*Lee Stogner
Ed Kirchner	Mark Torres
Eric S. Ackerman	Percy Shadwell
*George McClure	*Richard Baker
*Gregg L. Vaughn	*Ron Ogan
James Conrad	*Sean Haynes
*James Corr	*Tim Bigelow
*Jerry W. Goerz	*William Ratcliff
	(* indicates voting ExCom members)

ExCom Meeting

Director Stogner welcomed the ExCom members to the e-conference at 9:02 PM EDT and thanked them for their participation. Director Stogner reviewed the plans for the evening. The group used IEEE's DimDim Web Meeting service. The group used IEEE's conferencing bridge service with Skype, toll-free 1-888, and long distance dialing along with Web pages to accomplish its work.

URL for DimDim: https://ieee.dimdim.com/region_3/

The agenda was reviewed and adopted including the consent agenda:

- Received the reports listed in the Information Agenda
- Approved the minutes of its 7 March 2011 Meeting

Director Stogner presented his report. There is an on-going effort to help unemployed IEEE members in Region 3. He participated in an on-line workshop designed to help unemployed members. There will be a MGA Metro Area Workshop in Huntsville, AL. The date has not yet been set, but the expected timeframe is Fall 2011.

Director-Elect Green referred members to his written report and highlighted a few items from it. He attended a Minneapolis Section meeting from Birmingham. He commented that the techniques used by the Section for the long-distance meeting was good. He mentioned an upcoming effort for the Strategic Planning Committee to revise the Operations Manual for several items including a new title and expanded charter for the (present) Communications Committee, calendars, role of the Audit Committee, and other items as needed and invited input from members.

Secretary Vaughn reported that all submitted reports were posted except those received with the last few hours. These were posted to the web site as quickly as possible.

Treasurer Hill presented his report. He stated that IEEE has required that a commercial audit firm accomplish audits of the records of our Region. He is currently seeking a firm. He stressed that members who travel to Sections Congress attempt to obtain airline tickets for under \$500. He will be providing a financial status report at the next ExCom.

Past Director Ratcliff presented his report. He commended everyone for their work at

SoutheastCon 2011 and afterward, especially those who worked on the recommendations for Sections Congress.

Action Agenda

Approve the submission of recommendations for Sections Congress. David Green brought the attention of the group to the list of four recommendations that resulted from the discussions and actions at SoutheastCon 2011. The combinations that were approved at SoutheastCon have been made and the recommendations are now in their final form. After discussion, the ExCom moved to direct that recommendations be submitted to MGA as the four recommendations from Region 3.

Approve budget for Region 3 meeting at Sections Congress. Sean Haynes presented a budget for the expenses to be incurred by the Region in relation to the Region Committee meeting on Thursday before Sections Congress. The meeting room with projector, coffee breaks, lunch, and morning coffee/tea was about \$7000.00. Various members proposed cutting something to reduce the cost. It was suggested that the morning coffee/tea be deleted. After discussion, the ExCom moved to authorize an expense of not to exceed \$7000.00 for the meeting itself.

Sean also addressed the question of the number of nights of lodging that would be paid by the Region. He said that MGA had thought agreed to pay for up to four (4) nights for members from the eastern part of the country (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday). So the Region would have to pay for Wednesday night.

Approve Jamaica Section for Southeastcon 2015. Sean Haynes said that he sent the bid from Jamaica for Southeastcon 2015 to the Online Community. He did not send it to the ExCom. Daniel Tulloch-Reid agreed to modify the bid based on discussion from the Region Committee in one week. Sean will send it to the ExCom for their review prior to the June ExCom meeting. Daniel said that formal approval at that time would be acceptable.

Discussion Agenda

Plans for Sections Congress 2011. David Green said that Region 3 had been given \$18,000 in the last part of 2010 to pay for airfare to Sections Congress. Don Hill verified that we actually received the money. It was to be used to support travel expenses of primary delegates to Sections Congress. There was some discussion about the formula for how much of the travel cost the Region could pay. ExCom moved to delegate the decision about the expenditure of the \$18,000 to a committee of Lee Stogner, David Green, Don Hill, and Sean Haynes.

Reports from R3 ExCom—Several members submitted oral reports. Several members said that a written report would follow.

Date and Location of Next Meetings

Two ExCom meetings are planned prior to Sections Congress. Both are set for 9:00 PM Eastern time. The two dates are 20 June 2011 and 25 July 2011.

Having concluded the agenda, Director Stogner adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Vaughn
Secretary