AREA 9 REPORT FOR OCTOBER 7, 2013, REGION 3 EXCOM

Introduction
The Jamaica Section has actively participated in Region 3 meetings and plans to continue to actively participate for the remainder of the Year as we have in past years to achieve the goals and objectives of the Section and Region 3.

Goals & Objectives:

Our objectives for last year (2013) were as follows:
- Increasing membership attendance and participation in meetings
  - Push e-membership for existing and new members.
  - Increase involvement by Standing Committee Chairs
  - Introduction of Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary officers
- Push Member Engagement in collaboration with Region 3 and MGA
- Host a successful SPAC
- Increase Student Branch attendance & participation in SoutheastCon 2013 to maintain or exceed previous attendance and performance
- Participation in Regional & PACE Activities pertaining to the IEEE USA Annual Conference in 2013
- Implement succession planning for current Officers, Chapters and Standing Committee Chairs

Member Engagement Activities:

Monthly Section Meetings
On Tuesday October 1, 2013 the Jamaica Section joined members worldwide in celebration of IEEE Day. The Section, including the UWI & UTech Student Branches, planned and implemented the following events for the week:

• An announcement of IEEE Day on News Talk Radio FM 93.3, 93.5 & 93.7.

• An IEEE Booth on the Main Corridor ("The Spine"), Faculty of Science & Technology, UWI Mona on Thursday October 3.

• An IEEE Jamaica Section Meeting / Presentation on Thursday October 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in The Department of Physics, Faculty of Science & Technology, University of the West Indies. The topic: "Design, Construction & Implementation of Radio Frequency identification (RFID) as Security Detection, Control & Monitoring of Assets at UTech's three (3) Main Gates" by Mr. Christopher Udeagha, Lecturer in SCIT, UTech.

The events were well supports by members, potential members and guests and we hope that the increased interest leads to additional Section members.

e-Membership
Jamaica is eligible for the IEEE e-membership programme.
The members were encouraged to utilize the early membership registration for 2013. The week of events surrounding IEEE Day allowed the Section to promote IEEE and we anticipate membership growth through activities like this. We plan to continue to focus on this membership drive during the remainder of the year to increase our numbers.

Website - IEEE Jamaica Section
Milverton continues to keep the website current and provides valuable information for the Jamaica Section and Region 3. The IEEE Jamaica Section Website serves as our newsletter and the URL is as follows: **http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/jamaica.**

Jamaica Section Bid Proposal for SoutheastCon 2016.
The Region 3 Conference Committee, chaired by Sean Haynes has worked with IEEE Corporate to spearhead the establishment of a contract between IEEE and the Hilton Rose Hall, Jamaica. This contract has been submitted for final approval by Region 3 and IEEE Corporate.

The Section has received verbal commitment from the University of the West Indies as well as the University of Technology and has communicated with them in writing. We are now in the process of awaiting the letters of commitment from both.

The Section is also in the process of providing an updated list of Section members who will be part of the conference committee for 2016. Discussions have been had among the members of the Excom and we expect to submit the final list to Sean Haynes shortly.

The Hilton has also extended an invitation to have R3 Conference Committee members enjoy a complimentary visit to the Hotel Resort. The dates for this will need to be finalized.

Barriers:

The general challenge is to improve the level of participation by the Section members. However, new persons have been appointed to positions within the Excom for 2013 and it is expected that there will be increased participation over the course of the year.

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