Report from IEEE Region 3 WIE Liaison for 7 October 2013

1. The last IEEE WIE Executive Committee in-person meeting was held via teleconference on September 20, the next meeting is scheduled for 8 November. WIE Affinity Groups requesting funding should have their proposals submitted two weeks prior.

Highlights include:

Call for Participation and Sponsorship in IEEE WIE International Leadership Conference to be held in San Francisco, CA, USA, 2-4 MAY 2014. http://sites.ieee.org/wie-ilc/

Next year WIE will be calling for nominations for WIE member and student member of the year awards. Stay tuned for more information December 1.

2. Keyana Tenant, WIE program manager, will be in Atlanta for the IEEE Globecomm conference 9-13 December 2013 and is requesting some local support to staff a booth there. http://www.ieee-globecom.org/

3. The Northwest FL Section WIE Affinity Group will be deactivated unless someone in the section steps up to be chair and agree to hold at least two activities in the coming year. I have solicited volunteers through the WIE members there, but there is not enough interest. I need to contact the Section Chair there (hopefully on the call) and see if there is anything else that can be done. There are likely more IEEE members there that have not yet joined WIE, so a call to the entire section could produce some interest.

4. WIE is holding a series of online live chats at their Facebook page. I have been able to participate in a few. The presenter is live on camera; participants can watch and type in questions. Generally, there is a short talk (20-30 minutes) about some topic - technical or not - then a 30-40 minute question and answer period.

Join the chat on the Women in Engineering Facebook page or follow the links below:

- <u>11 October, 10:30 a.m. ET: Dalma Novak, Region 8</u>, sponsored by IEEE Photonics Society
- <u>18 October: Wanda Gass, Region 5</u>
- <u>23 October, 2:00 p.m. ET: Don Wright</u> about Senior Member elevation
- <u>30 October, 10:30 a.m. ET: Carmen Menoni, Region 4</u>, sponsored by the IEEE Photonics Society
- 5. I still need to follow up with the website updates for WIE AG officers/links.

6. WIE Atlanta is holding a fall mixer on November 7 and inviting many local technical women's groups (SWE, WIT, GT WIE, etc.) to network and hear an interesting talk by Dr. Amy Sharma about her recent year in Australia. Read about the event and sign up at: <u>https://meetings.vtools.ieee.org/meeting\_view/list\_meeting/20377</u>.

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