

## **AREA 9 REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2014, 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 this Year 2014 are 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 2014
- Participation in Regional & PACE Activities pertaining to the IEEE USA Annual Conference in 2014
- Implement succession planning for current Officers, Chapters and Standing Committee Chairs

### **Member Engagement Activities:**

#### **Monthly Section Meetings**

At the Jamaica Section Meeting on Wednesday September 10, 2014, Dr. Andre Coleman, Lecturer at UTech presented on the topic “Emerging Technologies, No longer a Spectator Sport”. The presentation highlighted the new materials being used in revolutionizing technology and was very well supported by both students and members.

The IEEE Jamaica Section celebrated IEEE Day on Tuesday October 7, 2014 by having an afternoon of events at the University of Technology. The afternoon started with a gathering and display of IEEE information including opportunities for development and activities performed as well as robots and other electronic gadgets developed by IEEE members and guests. This was followed at 6:00 p.m. by a Jamaica Section Meeting / Presentation which involved a history of the development of the IEEE logo by Mr. Wilfred Roberts, former Region 3 Area 9 Chair.

#### **e-Membership**

Jamaica continues to be eligible for the IEEE e-membership programme.

Our Membership Chair, Mr. Christopher Udeagha has done a good job of continually recruiting members. We plan to request additional flyers and other material for our membership drive for some of our upcoming events and for membership renewal.

#### **Website - IEEE Jamaica Section**

Milverton Moore 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>.

#### **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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