

AREA 9 REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTCON 2015, 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 2015 are as follows:

- Appoint new executive members to the Section
- 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 2015
- Participation in Regional & PACE Activities pertaining to the IEEE USA Annual Conference in 2015
- Implement succession planning for current Officers, Chapters and Standing Committee Chairs

Member Engagement Activities:

Monthly Section Meetings

The Section has been very active since the start of the Year with several meetings and presentations prior to SouthEastCon 2015 in which we had good response from members and student members as well as non-members.

Following on our Annual IEEE Jamaica Section Retreat held on Monday January 26, 2015 we formed a basic framework on which to organize and schedule activities for 2015 and by February we had appointed several members to our Excom members.

Most recently on Thursday March 26, 2015 the Jamaica Section joined the University of Technology (UTech), Faculty of Engineering for a presentation which was part of their Lecture Series. The presentation was done by Dr. Dave Muir, the IEEE Jamaica Section Chair and Lecturer in the Faculty of Engineering on the topic "Matlab to level the Playing Field".

The Section also has plans to assist the Caribbean Maritime Institute to form a Student Branch. Discussions have been had with staff at this tertiary institution with the most recent discussion at a meeting held in March 2015 between some of the members of staff there and past Region 3 Area 9 Chair, Mr. Wilfred Roberts. We hope to have them on board before the end of the Year.

UTech Student Branch

The UTech Student Branch hosted a successful SPAC for 2015 with a presentation held on Thursday March 26, 2015.

e-Membership

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

Our Membership Chair, Mr. Christopher Udeagha continues to do a good job in recruiting members. With new appointments to the Excom and it is expected that these members will inject new ideas and more energy into the section with plans of attracting new members. We have also plan to contact those members who have been late in renewing their membership and seek to increase their involvement in Section activities.

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, several new persons have been appointed to positions within the Excom for 2015 and it is expected that there will be increased participation over the course of the year.

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