Region 3 Committee Meeting – Minutes
2017 SoutheastCon
Charlotte, NC
April 2, 2017

I. Start of Region 3 Committee Meeting – meeting started at 8:35am by Jim Conrad
II. Approval of Agenda – agenda approved
III. Consent Agenda
    a. Approve Information Agenda
    b. Approve the minutes from 3 April 2016 Meeting
IV. Officer Reports
    a. Director/Chair's Report – report is available online and refer to the State of the Region report in the Region newsletter. We are one of the best performing regions with respect to membership. We are trending down in membership and we need to do more to continue to retain members. Keep IEEE as their "Professional Home." Region meeting at Sections Congress will be at 1pm on Friday.
    b. Director-Elect's Report – will discuss bylaw and committee changes later in the meeting
    c. Secretary's Report – report available online
    d. Treasurer's Report – fill out cover sheet for the expense reports and follow instructions available on the web.
    e. Past Director's Report – report available online
VI. Action Agenda
    a. Region 3 Bylaw Changes – Gregg walked through bylaw changes
    b. Region 3 Committee Changes – Gregg walked through the changes from the original 13 committees down to 10. Voting combined – bylaw and Committee changes approved unanimously.

        Friday Night Side Discussion on Area Chairs – the area chairs are unfunded and the scope is unclear for the chairs. Council is an IEEE Operating Unit and formed by several contiguous Sections. Councils funding comes from the Sections and IEEE (not Region funds). Traditionally, the Region Director with support from the Nominations and Appointment Committee will appoint the Area Chair. There is discussion to make the Area Chairs an elected position by the Sections. If we go down this path, we will need to pursue changes with MGA. The Councils do not get funding from MGA.

        Region 3 ExCom is currently comprised of elected officers and appointed chairs Region 3 Committee is comprised of the ExCom and all of the Section Chairs. We are limited by MGA to how many people can vote on both ExCom and Committee.

        We are trying to streamline in order to lower costs and maximize efficiencies.
    c. Sections Congress Recommendations – Goal to get down three recommendations.
        i. ***MOVE*** – reword to state "MOVE Disaster Response vehicles or similar concept" in the main statement. There are concerns about expenses and how to fund going forward – try to layout other options.

            Potential Adjustment: IEEE to facilitate creating a fleet of MOVE Disaster Response vehicles *or similar concept response mechanism* to increase visibility of the profession across the globe and provide disaster relief, STEM education, networking, and public service to our local communities.

ii. IEEE University – Intent was to have more of a repository of technical information in order to better provide technical meetings at the Section Level (canned webinars) and provide continuing education/professional development hours. IEEE University as laid out in proposal does not exist today. Concept is to have a single common portal that all societies can provide technical information. Need to do research if there are any additional efforts – see website for IEEEX (www.edx.org/school/ieeex)

Proposed adjustment: IEEE to establish a single portal to provide an accredited life-long distance learning opportunities to members with the ability to take courses for credit. This should include subjects such as Professional Engineering preparation courses, continuing education (CEU) or professional development hour (PDH) opportunities, and professional leadership training (e.g. Harvard Manage Mentor). Sections should be given the resources to be able to host the courses offered as a service to their membership as a "canned" presentation/webinar or hosting of remote courses.

Motion: Gregg made motion to eliminate to item 2 – motion was seconded – vote 33 yes; 7 no

iii. ***Pre-college STEM*** – Derik sent over proposed changes and contained in the proposed adjustments. Derik mentioned that there was an initiative from back in 2011.

Proposed Adjustment: Develop (or expand existing) training programs and/or create partnerships with external organizations to allow members to provide STEM activities to pre-college students. Provide "canned" or "in a box" style demonstrations and presentations that local sections can deliver to pre-college students. Re-evaluate a "Junior IEEE" membership program targeted at pre-college students.

iv. ***WIE*** – make WIE membership free to join. Theresa made motion to change write up to "All female IEEE members should receive automatic WIE membership at no cost. Other interested members may also join at no cost." The revised proposal was seconded and approved unanimously.

Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 were approved unanimously to submit at Sections Congress.

VII. Discussion Agenda

a. Director Elect Candidate Presentations

i. Jill Gostin – presentation is available online – consolidating information for members; section chair challenges – communication to members and chairs; running meetings efficiently – making sure individuals have information early and concise; young professionals – yes, more needs to be done to get yp

members engaged – utilize projects that have impact on humanitarian efforts, utilize Life Members to mentor Young Professionals.

ii. Ken Pigg – presentation is available online – do differently – start involvement with IEEE earlier; section chair challenges – keeping positions filled; running meetings efficiently – echoes Jill response; young professionals – yes, more needs to be done to get yp members engaged.

b. Section Best Practices

VIII. Old Business

a. Review Action Item list from last meeting.

XI. New Business

a. Read-Only Netsuite Access – motion was submitted by Doug Hopkins and seconded. Discussion/concern on granting automatically and potentially create a silo between Section Chair and Treasurer. Others disagree that could create a silo.
Vote: 22 – Yes; 21 – No

IX. Date and Location of Next Meeting – SoutheastCon 2018, 22 April 2018, St. Petersburg, FL

X. Adjourn – 11:02am