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Area 9 Chair's Report

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The Section Excom has met earlier in **January 2020 for a Retreat** to discuss the the plans for the year's activities and how best to develop activities that fits the R3 2020 Theme: Making New Connections.

Area 9 Chair ( Damith Wickramanayake ) , had a Teleconference on 10th Feb 2020 with Subodha Charles , R3 Students activities Rep , Re; IEEE innovation/Entrepreneurship program to be hosted in Jamaica in 2020.

The Section has also held another **Excom WebX meeting on 12th February 2020** to discuss the new idea to be submitted at Southeastcon 2020. Discussions were held with regards to the student branches participation at Southeastcon 2020.

Section Congress was also discussed in 12th Feb 2020 Excom WebX meeting as outlined in R3 Director Elect, Theresa Brunasso.'s Teleconference with Area 9 Chairs. In the same meeting ,

WIE Affinity Group, Jamaica Section has met with the Ministry of Education (MOE) here in Jamaica to discuss collaboration with IEEE TryEngineering e-mentorship program to be held in Jamaica. The program is anticipated to commence in September 2020. Ongoing Communication continues between WIE, MOE and IEEE TryEngineering to formalize the process.

WIE Affinity Group is also in further negotiation with the Conference providers for a further reduction in prices quoted for Southeastcon 2023.

WIE Chair ( Sharlene Brown) has discussed with the Minister of Science Energy and Technology on how to get WIE on the Regional Disaster Conference to be held in Jamaica in July 2020 to present a MOVE Project for the Caribbean. WIE Chair and Mary Ellen Randall is in communication as to the preparation of the detail proposal.

The ComSoc is looking at hosting a 5G Summit in Jamaica and has a courtesy call with the Minister of Science Energy and Technology to discuss collaborative efforts with hosting the Summit here in Jamaica.

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