

IEEE R3 Richmond Section Report

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Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom

None at this time.

Successes/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public

- The Richmond Section participated in a local Celebrate Engineering Ingenuity Day event that is designed to introduce elementary through high school students to engineering. IEEE members helped students assemble a small circuit board in the shape of a cat face. The board has series and parallel resistors plus a 555 timer circuit that allowed the students to change what the cat's eyes look like. The board was designed by our Young Professionals Affinity Group and the Richmond Section covered the cost of the boards and parts so that the participants could take home their completed board at no cost. The event was well attended. Participants were also introduced to the tryengineering.org website that the IEEE has set up to introduce children and their teachers to engineering.
- Individualized emails were sent out to IEEE members in our Section who had not renewed yet
 - reminding them if they had simply forgotten to renew;
 - telling them about reduced fee memberships if they were having financial or unemployment problems, and;
 - asking for feedback if they had decided not to renew because we did not meet their needs.Reminders for Life and Life Senior Members were sent by a Life Senior Member. Reminders for Senior Members, Members, and Associate Members were sent by the Section Chair. Reminders for Student Members and Graduate Student Members were sent by the local Student Branch Chair. The emails have already started yielding positive results.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- One of our members, Dr. Ravi Hadimani, Vice-Chair of the EMB/Magnetics Joint Chapter will be honored as the "Engineer of the Year" at the Richmond Joint Engineers Council annual banquet later this week.
- There will be a local Chapter Formation meeting of the IEEE Industry Applications Society on March 5th.
- A current calendar of meetings within the Richmond Section can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/>.
 - Meetings for February 2020 can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/month/?tribe-bar-date=2020-02-01>.
 - Meetings for March 2020 can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/month/?tribe-bar-date=2020-03-01>.
 - Meetings for April 2020 can be found at <https://r3.ieee.org/richmond/events/month/?tribe-bar-date=2020-04-01>.

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