

IEEE R3 Melbourne Section Report for April 20, 2020

- Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom
 - Being new to the position of Section Chair, I am still learning what support can be offered/expected
 - I am sorry to have missed the opportunity to meet everyone at the cancelled SE CON. Hopefully, Sections Congress will take place and I look forward to meeting all there
- Success/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public
 - Our section has started the year by organizing our meeting dates and location to be consistent throughout the year. We met on this schedule and venue for a couple of meetings last year but this year is on hold due to the virus
 - We held a conference meeting on April 16th which was attended by 10 members. We are ready to have a virtual meeting but we do not see a need for that at this time. We can handle all section business over a Phoncon
 - We have put together a newsletter to send out to the membership to update them on what is going on with the Section. Our first newsletter, titled 'IEEE Melbourne Section Space Coast Signal' was sent via email in mid-March and was very well received. Officer pictures and individual updates are included in addition to other updates, news and the previous meeting minutes
 - We plan at least two Senior Member Drives and at least one Life Member Drive per year
 - We have a strong Consultants Network and have at least two meetings per year with one being a full day seminar with various presenters. Plans for a meeting are in the works as soon as we enter Phase 2 or 3 of the national back to work plan
 - Our goal is to have a speaker at every Section Meeting. The speaker can be from our specialties or others such as Accountants, Investment Counselors. If we do not have a speaker available, we schedule for a member to speak about their hobby or favorite past time
 - Our Section Picnic was postponed from April 5th to sometime in early fall
 - Our Section Awards Banquet is still scheduled for early December
- Notable section activities (Positive and Negative)
 - Obviously, the virus situation has put a damper on our activities but, according to our last meeting on 4/16, we are ready to re-engage as soon as authorized

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