

IEEE R3 Richmond Section Report

April 20, 2020

Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom

None at this time.

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

- Emails were sent to all current Richmond Section members as well as all Richmond Section members who recently moved to Arrears status asking how the local Section can help them to respond to the corona virus. The email covered three points:
 - We asked for their interest in participating in a virtual job fair. The idea was that some members may have lost jobs due to the statewide stay-at-home order. At the same time, some employers were still actively hiring for electrical/electronic/computer engineering jobs. We received very minimal response on the part of job seekers, and those members are being followed up with individually.
 - We informed our members that one of our Graduate Student Members is doing a research project on strategies that IT managers are using to retain technology employees who would otherwise be laid off. Members who were interested in participating were asked to contact the Graduate Student Member directly.
 - We asked local members for any suggestions on how the local Section can help. We received a very small number of responses.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- The Richmond Section participated in an Area 1 teleconference to formulate recommendations for Sections Congress. It does not appear that Area 1's proposed recommendations made the cut for being considered by the Region.
- There will be an IEEE Industry Applications Society Richmond Chapter "Formation – Next Steps" virtual meeting on April 29th to work on the Chapter formation petition.
- Most other activities, other than virtual ExCom meetings, are temporarily on hold due to the virus.

Allen Jones

Chair, IEEE Richmond Section