

IEEE R3 Melbourne Section Report for June 15, 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 and now, Sections Congress. Looking forward to the next opportunity
- Success/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public
 - We held a virtual Section meeting on April 16th which was attended by 10 members. We were able to discuss urgent issues but in view of the seclusion requirements, we tabled several activities involving actual attendance
 - We have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th, 2020 with actual attendees and all necessary social distancing observations and precautions
 - Our Section Newsletter, the IEEE Melbourne Section Space Coast Signal, has been very well received by our section membership. It is issued approximately every two months, in coordination with our upcoming section meetings so as to update the membership on pertinent and timely issues, past meeting minutes and planned activities. A copy is included with this report in case there is interest
 - We plan at least two Senior Member Drives for the year. We put together the drives for any member to participate in the sign up with our Life and Senior members especially interested in increasing these ranks which leads to more Life members. We had one-member requested admission and we processed that member about a month ago
 - We have a strong Consultants Network and have at least two meetings per year with one being a full day seminar with various presenters. With current restrictions being lifted, plans are in the works for these two meetings in the remainder of 2020
 - Our goal is to have a speaker at every Section Meeting. The speaker can be from our internal specialists or others such as Accountants, Investment Counselors, etc. If we do not have a speaker available, we schedule for a member to speak/demo their hobby or favorite past time. We will resume this activity as soon as social distancing is relaxed appropriately
 - Our Section Picnic will be rescheduled for the August/September time frame
 - Our Section Awards Banquet is still scheduled for December 5th, 2020
- Notable section activities (Positive and Negative)
 - Obviously, the virus situation has put a damper on our activities. We are looking forward to full resumption of our bi-monthly meetings and our planned activities as soon as authorized

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