

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

- Nine Richmond Section Members were nominated for Senior Member elevation and an additional three Members self-nominated. We have an additional seven Members who are still working on their applications. Most of the newly nominated Members needed help lining up references so we had a virtual meet-and-greet meeting between Senior Member candidates and those who were eligible to serve as references. This gave the potential references enough of an understanding of the candidates' backgrounds to complete the reference section. It also gave the local membership an opportunity to get to know each other better. The meeting was one of our more well-attended meetings this year.
- The IEEE Industry Applications Society had an interactive meeting on June 4th with panelists answering the question "How is your company / industry handling COVID-19?"

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- The group trying to form an IEEE Industry Applications Society Richmond Chapter is still working on the formation petition. It has enough members who are interested in signing the petition, but several of them have not been IAS members for at least six months. The six month requirement appears on the IEEE website but not in the MGA Manual. The Petition Processing Staff has said that the website is correct and has promised that a more complete explanation will be coming.
- Most other activities, other than virtual ExCom meetings, are temporarily on hold due to the virus.

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