[R3-EXCOM2020] [IEEE R3]: Director's Report

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Director's Report
To: Region 3 ExCom and Section Chairs
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Next Region 3 ExCom webex will be 20 July, 8-10 pm eastern

Next Region 3 Committee webex will be 17 August, 8-10 pm eastern

Can you believe it's almost August? I hope you all are finding some safe but fun ways to enjoy the summer! There are many things to cover here; I'll try to just hit the highlights.

At our ExCom meeting on Monday, the N&A committee will discuss the Region 3 Director-Elect 2022-2023 candidate slate, in Executive Session. This will be done at the end of the meeting; only voting members of the ExCom will stay on for the discussion and vote. The <u>ExCom will vote on the slate that will be sent forward to the Region 3 Committee</u> in August for approval.

A very important Region 3 Committee Meeting will be held via webex on Monday, Aug 17, 8-10 pm eastern. **ExCom and Committee members are all urged to attend. The voting R3 Committee members will be considering / approving the Region 3 Director-Elect 2022-2023 candidate slate, so we need all Committee members to attend. <u>Section Chairs – you are voting members of the R3 Committee!</u>** I anticipate also having a talk by IEEE Entrepreneurship, a discussion about using vTools for voting, and a demo of the upcoming new R3 website, among other things.

Before the Region 3 Committee meeting, I will provide a form for each Section to submit about their plans for a New Event. Area Chairs – please reach out to your Sections to see how they are coming along with their plans! I am hopeful that most Sections can find a way to hold a new event in 2020, but even if it will be pushed to 2021, I want to hear about your plans!

IEEE membership is down 5.8%. While that is mostly due to students, higher grade membership is down 2.5%. For Region 3, higher grade membership is down 4%. While that is the smallest loss in the US, we of course would prefer to be gaining instead of losing! Let's continue working on finding virtual ways to engage – and don't forget to <u>invite non-members that attend events to join IEEE</u>.

IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu (IEEE-HKN), the honor society of IEEE, encourages and recognizes individual excellence in education and meritorious work, in professional practice, and in any of the areas within the IEEE-designated fields of interest. One of the things we missed out on at SoutheastCon was an HKN Induction Ceremony. I've asked HKN to do a live webinar for us on **Wednesday, Aug 19 at 8pm (ET)**. They will first talk with us about HKN and how Sections and individuals can be involved, and will then have the Induction Ceremony of the Professional Members. <u>We are setting this up so each Section, if they would like to do so, can offer this as a virtual Section meeting.</u> We will be sending out information about that soon. For others, you can join as part of the Region. I've talked with IEEE-

Standards Association about also doing a Wednesday night meeting for us, but don't yet have a firm commitment from them.

Quick Bits:

- Sections Congress info will be provided at the ExCom meeting
- OU Analytics is now available for Life Member Groups
- Vtools events have increased by almost 50% -- go find a meeting anywhere in the world that you want to attend!
- IEEE Day is October 6 (more info at ExCom meeting)
- R3 Bylaws changes were approved by MGA
- Concur will roll-out to Sections in Q3 of this year. Concentration Banking accounts will be set up for those Sections that don't currently have one, for processing Concur payments
- Look at the bottom of the MGA Scoop newsletter for resources for volunteers!
- MGA is reviewing the requirements for Geographic Councils. If you are in a Council, they may reach out to you with some questions.
- Conferences that have gone virtual with time have had a large increase in attendance
- When using R3 mailing lists, make sure it is for R3 business
- IEEE-USA has several recorded webinars that could be used for a virtual section meeting, and offer PDHs! You could play one as a Section meeting, with a discussion afterward. https://ieeeusa.org/careers/webinars/
- The Region 3 mentoring program is kicking-off! Program manager is Kristen Parrish.
- We hope to have the R3 YouTube channel(s) up and running soon; consider using the content for a virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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ExCom and Committee Meetings, 2020 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

       ExCom telecon: July 20
       R3 Committee Business Meeting: August 17
       ExCom telecon: Sept 21
       ExCom telecon: Oct 19
       ExCom telecon: Nov 16
       ExCom telecon: Dec 21 (this may change to an R3 Committee telecon, if needed)

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