

## IEEE R3 Melbourne Section Report for July 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
  - We are using as many of the tools supplied by IEEE to enhance our capabilities in as many areas as possible
- **Success/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public**
  - We held a virtual Section meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 held a Section Meeting on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with actual attendees and all necessary social distancing observations and precautions. The meeting was well attended and we were able to process Section business very efficiently
  - Our Section Newsletter, the IEEE Melbourne Section Space Coast Signa, is sent out a few weeks prior to our scheduled Section Meetings and has 6 issues per year coinciding with our Section Meetings currently scheduled for every odd month
  - We plan at least two Senior Member Drives for the year. We are waiting for the appropriate time with reference to current virus situation
  - We have a strong Consultants Network and have at least two meetings per year with one being a full day seminar with various presenters. We are in the process of setting up a virtual meeting during Q3
  - Our Section Picnic is now scheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We are driving Young Professional's participation for this meeting and will have YP participants at our planning meetings. All safety precautions will be observed.
  - 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 Awards Banquet is still scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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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