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Awards:

- The new awards site is active and ready for nominations! Please direct folks to nominate deserving Region 3 candidates at: <https://ieee.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/259/home> (I had no control over the selection of this URL. It will be linked on the R3 webpage soon for easier access.)
- *Teaser:* A new R3 award will be reviewed by MGA in August. If approved, more details will be forthcoming.
- The Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC) passed our audit.
- Upcoming award deadlines:
 - * IEEE Standards Association Awards - 31 July (<https://standards.ieee.org/about/awards/index.html>)
 - * IEEE USA Awards - September 15 (<https://ieeusa.org/volunteers/awards-recognition/>)
 - * Select IEEE MGA Awards - October 15 (<https://mga.ieee.org/awards/mga-awards>)
 - * **Region 3 Awards - December 1** (<https://ieee.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/259/home>)

Sections Congress:

- Sections Congress 2020 has been cancelled. Please make sure you have cancelled your travel arrangements. If you paid for registration, IEEE should be reimbursing you automatically. *Please let others in your Section who may have planned on attending Sections Congress know to cancel their plans.*
- MGA is consolidating similar recommendations from the regions before voting. The consolidated entries that encompass Region 3's recommendations are below. Please note that more detailed descriptions will accompany these recommendations to provide other relevant information.
 - * Provide resources to Sections to serve industry professionals and engage with local industries.
 - * IEEE HQ can improve data analytics and visualization tools as well as provide actionable feedback on Section vitality reports.
 - * Graded IEEE membership fee for Young Professionals.