

IEEE R3 Melbourne Section Report for August 17, 2020

- **Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom**
 - No new issues
- **Success/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public**
 - We held our planned Section Picnic last Saturday, August 15th. In view of the COVID-19 situation, we held it at the largest Pavilion in our local park and had it catered instead of onsite grilling. We also were planning on having a water slide. We did not get good response from the younger set so we cancelled the waterslide and instead offered horseshoes and board toss games. Although we had a reasonable sign up response, we ended up with less participation than we were planning for. On the positive side, I think that we accomplished our goal of attracting members who do not usually attend our meetings and events. These were the majority of attendees. Our support from our usual attending members was down for this event. Unfortunately, in addition to the pre-cautious atmosphere, the day was very hot so many opted out and everyone who attended stayed in the shade and consumed cold drinks and caught up on the latest
 - Our next Section Newsletter, the IEEE Melbourne Section Space Coast Signal, is planned for the end of August in anticipation of our Section meeting for September 16th
 - We plan for at least two Senior Member Drives for the year. We are waiting for the appropriate time with reference to current virus situation
 - A Consultants Network Email was sent out with suggestions for virtual seminar subjects. Among the suggestions for a seminar were the follow topics:
--What happens after the paychecks stop --The Entrepreneurial Equations Seminar
--Accounting Tips --Retirement: Making your money last --Estate Planning
--Tax Free Investing --Consultants business planning --Investment perspectives
The Consultants Network members were asked for their preference as to these subjects being presented by professional in those fields. We are organizing the feedback and will arrange the dates for the presentations.
 - 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 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 safe and practical

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