

IEEE Region 3 – Region Committee Meeting  
Web Conference  
17 August 2020  
8:00-10:00pm

Minutes

Attendees (voting member\*):

Director – Jill Gostin*	x	Director Elect – Theresa Brunasso*	x
Secretary – Pat Donohoe*	x	Treasurer – John Balsam*	x
Past Director – Gregg Vaughn*	x	Area 1 – Steve Kemp*	x
Area 2 – Charles Lord*	x	Area 3 – Jenny Palmer*	
Area 4 – Claude Pitts*		Area 5 – Justin Baba*	
Area 6 – Danny Merkl*	x	Area 7 – Lee Stogner*	x
Area 8 – Don Hill*	x	Area 9 - Damith Wickramamayake*	
Awards Chair – Kristin Bing	x	Member Activities – Sonya Dillard	x
Conference – Eric Grigorian*	x	Finance – John Balsam	x
Section Support – Bill Marshall*	x	Nominations and Appointments – Greg Vaughn	x
Operational Audit – Bill Harrison		Professional Activities – Jacquelyn Cunningham*	x
Strategic Operations and Support – Dave Green*	x	Student Activities – Victor Basantes*	
Alabama Section – Patrick Kung*	x	Atlanta Section – Wyman Williams*	
Broward Section – Carlos Cabrera*		Canaveral Section – Macaulay Osaisai*	x
Central Georgia Section – Erin Mullinax*		Central North Carolina Section – Tadilo Bogale*	
Central Savannah River Section – Dennis Moen*		Central Tennessee Section – Michael Puckett*	x
Central Virginia Section - Sathish Anabathula*		Charlotte Section – Scott Kuntzelman*	
Chattanooga Section – Justin Kleinfeld*	x	Coastal South Carolina Section – Derek Pack*	
Columbia Section – Stevo Bozinovski*	x	Daytona Section – Richard Kent*	x
East Tennessee Section – Austin Albright*		Eastern North Carolina Section – Paul Goodson*	x
Evansville-Owensboro Section – Brad Kicklighter*	x	Florida West Coast Section – Claude Pitts*	
Gainesville Section – James Anderson*		Hampton Roads Section – Demetris Geddis*	x
Huntsville Section – Glenn Parker*	x	Jacksonville Section – Butch Shadwell*	
Jamaica Section – Devon Gayle*	x	Lexington Section – Don Hill*	x
Louisville Section – John Doyle*	x	Melbourne Section – Raul Ortega*	x
Memphis Section – Patrick McGinnis*		Miami Section – Juan Farah*	
Mississippi Section – Randy Buchanan*		Mobile Section – Mohamed El-Sharkh*	
Northwest Florida Section – Stephen Hopkins*		Orlando Section – Warren Macchi*	
Palm Beach Section – Hari Kalva*		Piedmont Section – David Fillion*	x
Richmond Section – Allen Jones*	x	Savannah Section – Lei Chen*	
Tallahassee Section – Thomas Bellarmine*	x	Tri-Cities Section	
Virginia Mountain Section – George Williams*		Western North Carolina Section – AJ Burke*	x
Winston-Salem Section		Grayson Randall	x
Mary Ellen Randall		Sharlene Brown	
Eric Ackerman	x	Mark Torres	x
Lucas Sweet	x	Bill Ratcliff	
Subhoda Charles	x	Hasala Dharmawardena	x
Ken Stauffer	x	Jim Conrad	x
Bill Ratcliff	x	Bill LaBelle	x

Agenda:

- 1) Director Gostin called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.
- 2) The meeting agenda was approved.
- 3) The consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the 30 March 2020 Region Committee Meeting and reports listed in the information agenda, was approved.
- 4) Officer Reports
  - a) Director

Director Gostin encouraged everyone to read the submitted officer reports which are being shortened in this meeting in the interest of time. She reminded the Region 3 Committee of

the IEEE Region 3 Volunteers YouTube channel which contains several training videos from SoutheastCon 2020. Director Gostin reported on recent phishing scams that have been directed at IEEE volunteers in leadership positions. A link with more information will be provided for Region 3 volunteers. She also reminded everyone that newsletter articles are due by August 31 to Bill LaBelle.

b) Director-Elect

Director-Elect Brunasso noted that she continues her work with her region committees. The Area Chair Committee did not meet this month.

c) Secretary

Secretary Donohoe went through the roll call for meeting attendees.

d) Treasurer

Treasurer report was submitted.

e) Past-Director

Past Director Gregg Vaughn referenced his report regarding work of the Nominations and Appointments Committee.

5) Action Agenda

a) Region 3 Director-Elect 2022-2023 Candidate Slate

Chair of the Nominations and Appointments (N&A) Committee Gregg Vaughn provided details on the process for generating the slate of candidates for Region 3 Director-Elect 2022-2023. The Region 3 ExCom has endorsed the three candidates submitted by the N&A Committee. These candidates are Eric Grigorian, Mark Torres, and Pat Donohoe. The Region Committee is tasked with voting to approve or disapprove this slate of candidates. Chairman Vaughn made the motion to approve the slate of candidates. The motion passed.

b) New Young Professionals Award.

The Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC) Kristin Bing provided details on the new IEEE Region 3 Outstanding Young Professional Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize leadership in service, education, innovation, entrepreneurship or in furthering the goals of the IEEE Young Professionals. A motion was made and seconded to approve this award. The motion passed.

6) Discussion Agenda

a) IEEE Entrepreneurship

Ken Stauffer, the 2020 Chair of the IEEE Entrepreneurship Steering Committee provided a presentation entitled "IEEE Entrepreneurship Explained". Chair Stauffer provided details on the makeup of the current Entrepreneurship Steering Committee. He discussed the mission and goals of the committee, including the United Nations 17 sustainable development goals.

b) IEEE Foundation

David Green, the IEEE Foundation Director presented a summary of IEEE Foundation Impacts. Director Green discussed the success of the current capital campaign for the IEEE Foundation and its current assets. A video was shown illustrating the four pillars of funding support provided by the IEEE Foundation. The IEEE Foundation Donor Supported IEEE Programs were discussed, along with the IEEE Foundation Covid-19 Response Fund.

c) SoutheastCon 2021

Director Gostin gave a brief update on SoutheastCon 2021. There are currently negotiations in progress with the SoutheastCon 2021 conference hotel to hold SoutheastCon 2024 as a face-to-face conference at the hotel, in light of the fact that SoutheastCon 2021 has been shifted to a virtual conference.

d) Sections Congress Recommendations

Sections Congress Coordinator Kristin Bing provided a summary of the online voting process for the Sections Congress recommendations. Online voting starts September 1. On September 15, a WebEx will be held to discuss the voting results. Region 3 proposed three recommendations and two of these recommendations were wrapped up with recommendations from other regions. The third recommendation, related to a graded membership fee for Young Professionals, is already in the works for IEEE.

e) Section New Events

Rich Kent, Chair of the Daytona Section, presented details of a “New Event” conducted by the Section entitled “Small Radio Telescope Project”. The Daytona Section worked to revitalize a small radio telescope at a local Arts and Sciences museum in Daytona Beach, which was damaged in a hurricane. The telescope was revitalized and installed at the Burns School of Science and Technology, a nonprofit charter grade school.

Raul Ortega, Chair of the Melbourne Section, discussed the introduction of a section newsletter, a section picnic with children that brought in new attendees, and work with the local student branch and Young Professionals to organize a year-long gaming competition.

f) vTools Voting

Charles Lord, Section Support Specialist on the Region 3 Section Support Committee, provided a presentation on vTools voting. Charles encouraged Sections to start preparing for elections of 2021 officers. Candidates need to be checked on OU Analytics to ensure they are qualified for the position, and Charles stepped through the process. Charles also went through the process to generate a ballot.

g) New Region 3 Website Demo

Region 3 Webmaster Lucas Sweet provided a demonstration of the new Region 3 Website that is slated to go online in the near future.

7) Old Business

There was no old business.

8) New Business

There was no new business.

9) Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Region 3 Committee Meeting is set for 14 March 2021 in conjunction with SoutheastCon 2021

10) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:56pm.