[R3-EXCOM2020] [IEEE R3] AREA 9 REPORT: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Area 9 Chair's Report

To: Region 3 ExCom

Subject: Region 3 Area 9 Chair's Report

Date: 21 September 2020

The Section's scheduled ExCom meeting for September 02, 2020 was postponed to allow the ExCom Members to attend the vTools training tutorial on: How to run Section election using vTools" hosted by Region 3.

The Section has sent out its call for nominations of Officers for the 2021 year, however, there are several issues with the electron process .

Activities Planned:

1. **New Event – Jamaica Section**

    EIEE Innovation Nation Jamaica 2020

    Jamaica Section will partner with IEEE Entrepreneurship and IEEE Industry Engagement Committee to host the IEEE innovation Nation 2020 Project in Jamaica.

    Subhoda Charles from R3 is very instrumental in the Project and is working with the Jamaica Section to implement the project.

    The project is set to launch in early October, 2020.

2. **IEEE DAY 2020 Plans:**

- **WIE** –Virtual Event – Information Session with the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) to share the Services available to IEEE members
     o Awaiting the confirmation of the Speaker to advertise the event to register the event with IEEE Day 2020 global Team
- **Membership Development Drive**:
  o   Promotion has started for the IEEE new Professional Membership Discount of USD30 to local organization and their employees which has been advertised by IEEE Day 2020 Global Team.
  o   eNotice has been sent to " local Inactive Members" to reactivate to receive an IEEE Membership Pin. (Limited to 75 Pins). The response so far has been positive.
- **Technical Sessions**

- Two virtual Sessions has been sent to Section members to join on September 30, 2020:

1. **IEEE ComSoc** : Virtual Distinguished Lecture: "Beyond 5G Wireless: "A Look Towards 2030". Presenter: Professor Octavia A. Dobre.

2. Technical meeting:Topic: " IEEE Publication" Presenter: Dr. Hulya Kirkici, 2019 IEEE Vice President – Publications.

Pending Item

The Section awaits confirmation/details on help requested from **Region, Member Communication Committee,** on whether or not the Jamaica Section could be facilitated with a website training session of the Volunteers. It is anticipated that the training will serves as a refreshers training session and also to develop a pool of potential volunteers to serve in this area.

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