

**[R3-EXCOM2020] [IEEE R3]: Director's Report**

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NewEvents Summary.xlsx;

**Director's Report**

To: Region 3 ExCom, R3 Committee, R3 SOSC

Subject: Region 3 Director's Report

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*Next Region 3 ExCom webex will be 19 October, 8-10 pm eastern*

*Next Region 3 Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for 14 March 2021*

Thank you to all the Sections that joined us for the R3 Committee meeting last month, and that participated in Sections Congress! I sent out an earlier email about the Sections Congress Recommendations that were approved, and we'll also discuss these briefly at the upcoming ExCom meeting.

At the ExCom meeting on Monday, we will have three important action items, including one related to a potential R3 initiative that, if approved, could provide funding to the Sections for pandemic-related projects. Make sure you join the meeting so we can discuss the proposal. We'll also review and vote on the changes to our travel policy documents and the updated SoutheastCon 2021 budget.

Due to the shift of SoutheastCon 2021 to a virtual-only meeting, we had a motion presented a few weeks ago to allow me to make informed decisions related to ensuring a minimal financial impact from cancelling the hotel commitments. The motion was approved; thank you all for taking the time to discuss this and vote. IEEE was able to negotiate no charges from the hotel for our cancellation, as long as we commit to returning to the hotel in 2024. We are still working out some final details (room commitment, conference date), and I'll let you know when the details are finalized. We will need to pay the hotel just over \$21k soon, as a down payment against the expenses that will be incurred in 2024.

In August, I asked every Section to complete a form about their plans for a New Event. Thank you so much to all the Section Chairs that have done so! Remember, a "new event" is some type of

event that you have never done before (not just a new topic for a technical meeting). I compiled the information I received into a spreadsheet, and am sending the spreadsheet to you along with this report (attached). I did summarize some of the information, so let me know if anything needs to be corrected. Also, for those of you that didn't yet submit your information, please send it to me and I'll update the spreadsheet.

Our next multi-section events are coming soon:

IEEE Publications, presented by Hulya Kirkici on **Sept. 30**

IEEE-USA, presented by Jim Conrad and team on **Oct. 14**

I strongly encourage Sections to invite their members to attend these presentations! You will be receiving templates to set these up as vtools events that you can then send to your Section members. You could also let your Chapters set it up as a Chapter meeting.

Mark Torres, a Section Operations Specialist on our Section Support Committee, has created a spreadsheet with detailed information on meetings that have been held over the last 3.5 years. This includes meetings of each Section's subunits. You can use this information as one source of information about the health of those units. Area Chairs, you can use this to assess the health of your Sections. Watch for more information to come soon about how to use the spreadsheet to answer your questions. You should already have the spreadsheet, so feel free to start reviewing the data.

Concur is now being rolled-out to Sections, with a **go-live date of Sept 28**. Concentration Banking accounts have been set up for our two Sections that didn't already have one, for processing Concur payments. Training sessions have started already - information was sent to all Section Chairs with the dates of training sessions (let me know if you didn't get it). Go to <https://iee.org/concur> where you can find training and information to get started and set up an account; if you already have an IEEE acct, just hit the orange login acct and use your IEEE login. You can also download the Concur mobile app.

Quick Bits:

IEEE Day is October 6 (you could plan something that is a New Event!)

The November Board Series will be held virtually

Look at the bottom of the MGA Scoop newsletter for resources for volunteers!

IEEE-USA has several recorded webinars that could be used for a virtual section meeting, and offer PDHs! You could play one as a Section meeting, with a discussion afterward.

<https://ieeusa.org/careers/webinars/>

Respectfully submitted,

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ExCom and Committee Meetings, 2020 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

ExCom telecon: Sept 21

ExCom telecon: Oct 19

ExCom telecon: Nov 16

ExCom telecon: Dec 21 (this may change to an R3 Committee telecon, if needed)

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