SoutheastCon 2021 - Atlanta
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Status

▸ SoutheastCon 2021 will be a virtual conference

▸ Hotel
  - Sherry Russ Sills, Director of Event Operations for IEEE MCE, negotiated the following with the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel
    • No cancellation fee for 2021 termination with agreement to rebook for 2024
    • 25% of what would have been your 2021 cancellation fee to be required as an advance deposit against the 2024 event ($21,379.21)
    • 2024 contract must be completed and signed by end of September 2020
    • Deposit must be received by the hotel by October 2020

▸ Finances
  - Budget revised and submitted for approval by Region 3

▸ Papers
  - EDAS is under contract.
  - Call for papers eNotice has been sent.
  - EDAS paper submission portal is live on the website.

▸ Student competitions
  - Current plan is for the Hardware Competition to stay a Hardware Competition.
  - Competition rules will be mostly unchanged.
  - Each team will build its own copy of the robot playing field.
  - Competition will be live, judged by webcam.
  - Final rules will be completed this week and presented at the next Conference Committee meeting

Next Actions

▸ Sign new hotel contract for 2024.

▸ Send out eNotice announcing a virtual conference.

▸ Finalize paper reviewer's list in EDAS.

▸ Get registration process finalized in EDAS and portal live on website.

▸ Finalize event schedule.

▸ Develop a Webex plan to enable/encourage discussion and interaction with paper authors.