

**[R3-EXCOM2020] [IEEE R3] AREA 9 REPORT: NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

Area 9 Chair's Report

To: Region 3 ExCom

Subject: Region 3 Area 9 Chair's Report

Date: 16 November 2020

The Section's scheduled ExCom meeting for November 04, 2020 was held.

Section election is currently in progress. A call for additional nominations was sent to general members with deadline for response on November 12, 2020. The election is being overseen by an assigned MGA Proctor. The Election will be conducted via vTools. The election results will be announced at the Section's AGM which is to be held on the second Wednesday in December, which is December 09, 2020.

**Update on Activities:**

**1. New Event – Jamaica Section**

**EIEE Innovation Nation Jamaica 2020**

- The Jamaica Section new event has been launched. Sponsorship packages and follow up emails have been sent to several local organizations inviting them to partner with the Jamaica Section.
- The Jamaica Section has managed to partner with the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSC).
- Courtesy Call was held with the Minister of Economic Growth & Job Creation on November 11, 2020 to congratulate the Minister and to introduce the Minister to our new event: Innovation Nation Jamaica 2020 and other unpromising projects.

**2. Membership Development Drive:**

- The Jamaica Section is currently drafting its membership development plan for 2021 and will submit to IEEE MD Chair, Elyn Perez by End of November 2020.
- The Jamaica Section is planning to form another student branch in Jamaica within the year 2021.

**3. Technical Sessions Held** Virtual Sessions were set up as Section events include: Virtual Dist. Lecture-Wireless Systems Design in the Beyond 5G Era: Promises of Deep Learning and Deep Reinforcement Learning, November 09, 2020. Co hosted by Jamaica.

### **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 serve as a refreshers training session and also to develop a pool of potential volunteers to serve in this area.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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