Conference Committee

Eric Grigorian, Region 3 Conference Committee Chair

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2020 Committee Members

Conference Committee Chair	Eric Grigorian
Conference Committee Vice Chair	Glenn Parker
Region 3 Director Elect	Theresa Brunasso
Past Conference Committee Chair & Mentor	Sean Haynes
Regional Student Activities Chair	Victor Basantes/Bailey Heyman
Conference Operations Specialist	Charles Lord
Region 3 Treasurer	John Balsam
Former Region 3 Director	Jim Conrad
Southeastcon 2019	Glenn Parker
Southeastcon 2020	Parag Upadhyay
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SoutheastCon 2020 Update

Raleigh, NC

▸ Most activities cancelled due to COVID, but that did not stop the Organizing Committee to pivot and continue with a successful virtual event

SoutheastCon 2021

Atlanta, GA

Gone Virtual!!

- ▸ Conference Committee
  - General Chair – Wyman Williams
  - Secretary – Theresa Brunasso
  - Treasurer – Timothy Palmer
  - Logistics - Melody Richardson
  - Patrons/Exhibits - Daniel Lundberg
  - Student Programs:
    - • Benjamin Yang
    - • Dan Lo
  - Technical Chairs:
    - • Alessio Medda
    - • Tamseel Syed

- ▸ Renegotiated with Westin hotel on Cancellation
  - No cancellation penalty with an agreement to host 2024 at Westin
  - Provide deposit toward 2024

- ▸ Conference using EDAS for registration and paper submission

- ▸ Hardware rules revised to accommodate remote participation

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SoutheastCon 2022

Mobile, AL

▸ Conference Committee
- General Chair – Warren Nicholson
- Vice Chair – Yusef El-Sharkh
- Secretary – Sam Russ
- Student Chair – Daniela Touma
- Treasurer – Saeed Latif
- Technical Chair – Edmund Spencer

▸ Hotel/Convention Center
- Arthur R Outlaw Convention Center
- Mobile Renaissance Hotel

▸ Committee currently working on budget, Hardware Competition, and Call for Papers

▸ Working with MCE to review room block allocations

SoutheastCon 2023

Orlando, FL

▸ Conference Committee
  - Chair: Joe Juisai
  - Treasurer/Secretary: Warren Macchi (Acting)
  - Industry Program Chair: Michael Orlovsky
  - Technical Program Chair: Varadraj Gurupur
  - Committee Members:
    • Michael H. Hassan
    • Maneck Master

▸ Hotel/Convention Center
  - Hilton Orlando – Destination Parkway

Future Locations

▸ 2024 – Atlanta, GA
  - Westin Hotel

▸ 2025 – Received intent and potential venue information from Pensacola, FL. Looking for potential other sites that may still have an interest
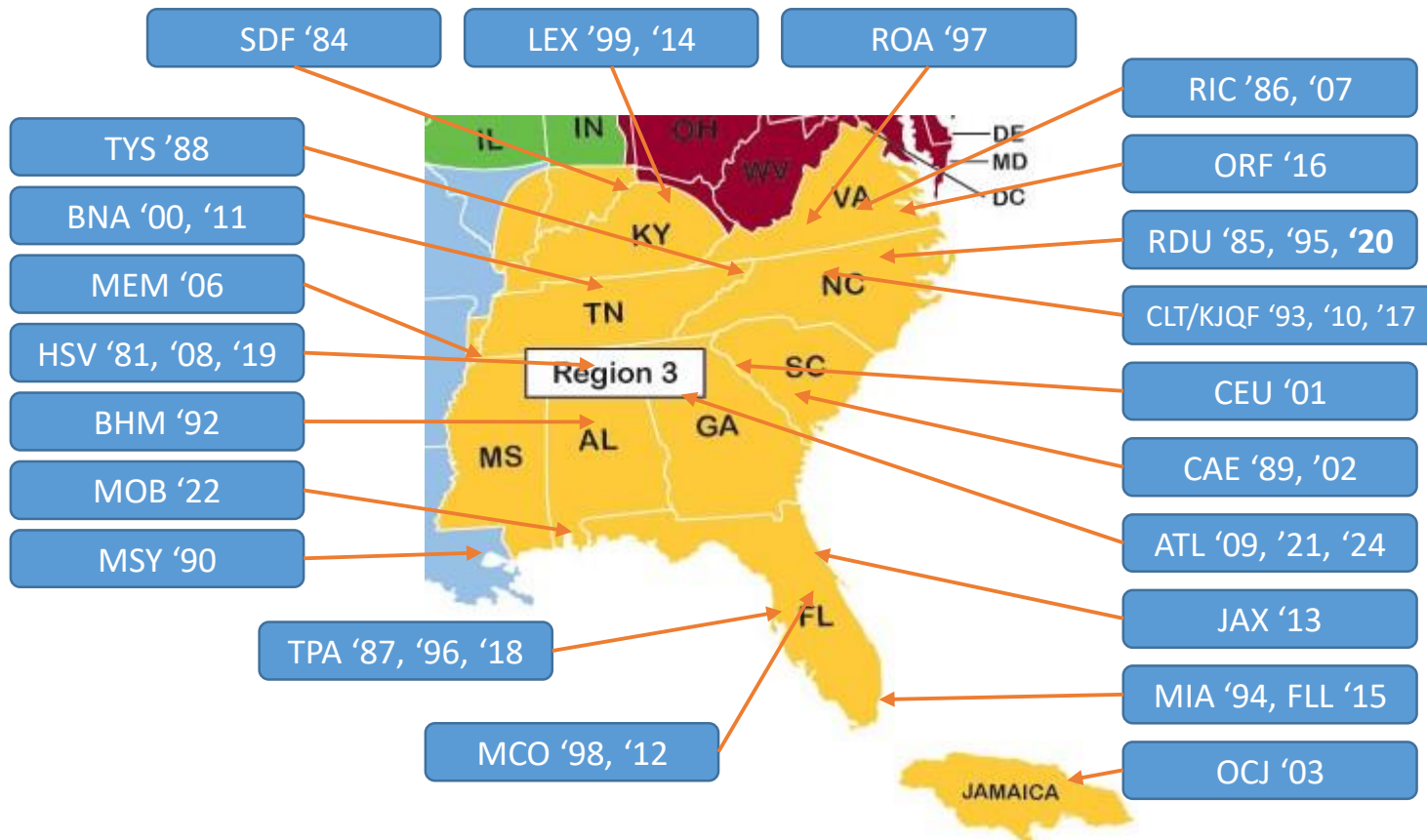
▸ 2026 - ?

How to Request Hosting SoutheastCon

Annual Region 3 Conference

- ▸ Local Sections Notify Conference Committee of Interest (2025+)
    - Region will review location with Section for potential sites that could be host based on current conference requirements
    - Region will review and establish initial budget based on
- ▸ Region will work with Section to perform all logistics associated with site selection
- ▸ Region will provide registration logistics
- ▸ Region will provide mentors
- ▸ Section is expected to provide
    - Local Organizing Committee (General Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, Student Program Chair)
    - Engage and expand Student Chapter involvement
    - Local Volunteer Staff at Conference Time
- ▸ Region will be responsible for Student Paper, Ethics, Networking, T-shirt, and Website Competitions
- ▸ Section will be responsible for Student Hardware, Software, and any additional locally developed Competitions
- ▸ Requires a 3 year commitment

SoutheastCon Locations

SDF '84

LEX '99, '14

ROA '97

RIC '86, '07

TYS '88

ORF '16

BNA '00, '11

RDU '85, '95, **'20**

MEM '06

CLT/KJQF '93, '10, '17

HSV '81, '08, '19

CEU '01

BHM '92

CAE '89, '02

MOB '22

ATL '09, '21, '24

MSY '90

JAX '13

TPA '87, '96, '18

MIA '94, FLL '15

MCO '98, '12

OCJ '03

SoutheastCon Operations Manual

▸ Specific to SoutheastCon

▸ A guide for Region and hosting Sections on "How to Hold a SoutheastCon"

▸ Living document that will be updated as conference hosting processes evolve
  - Based on lessons learned
  - Includes info on past conference locations
  - POCs

▸ Collaboratively updated based on input from committee members to take on specific sections and provide content

▸ Document was released as Rev – on April 20, 2020 and available on Region 3 website. Currently going through updates to include additional information on virtual, budgeting, and student activities

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Other Conferences?

We can host other types of conferences/workshops

▶ Conference Committee is looking for additional venues to reach out and support the membership within the Region for technical conferences and workshops
  - Technical Conference
  - Technical eConference
  - Workshop
  - eWorkshop
  - Tutorials
  - ……

▶ Intent is not to compete with the primary emphasis of SoutheastCon

▶ Provide additional opportunity for technical community engagement and publications
  - 6 months after SoutheastCon (Fall time frame)

We are open for business and accepting requests to host SoutheastCon!!!

Submit your intent to host and let us help you with planning!!!

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Thank you!

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