

## **SoutheastCon 2020 Report**

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### **Papers**

There were a number of issues with formatting and copyrights with a number of the papers presented in March, I was given a 2-week window to re-open PDFXpress to process the papers. Of the 173 presentations made at the virtual conference:

9 never submitted a final paper

18 didn't file a copyright through eCF

1 was formatted like a magazine article / blog – not acceptable for Xplore

Over half of the remaining papers had formatting problems (conference title or copyright incorrect or missing etc). All 144 remaining papers were loaded in Adobe Acrobat and these two items corrected

All of the remaining papers were submitted to PDFXpress and corrected as directed, but of these 33 still failed PDFXpress after two corrections (typical issues fixed were bookmarks, live links, non-embedded fonts, etc). Time ran out before those 33 could be resolved.

The remaining 111 papers were packaged with index/schedule, author index, etc and submitted to IEEE on November 3. We received notice this week that these papers were all accepted and are now published. (week and a half turnaround!)

### **Hackathon**

We were unsuccessful in assembling a team and parts for the 2020 hackathon to take place before the end of the year. We are planning to support the RSAC and 2021 team to hold a hackathon in early 2021 as part of SoutheastCon 2021. I will work with these two groups to make this happen.

### **Storage**

The dropshipped exhibit materials from IEEE Insurance, etc as well as the 2020 hardware competition tracks are still in storage in Raleigh. I am working to coordinate the movement of these to another location – the exhibit materials will be returned and the tracks will be eventually transported to Mobile for the 2022 committee to make use of as part of their competition. We may pre-pay for a few months if necessary so we can close out that financial issue.

### **Closeout**

Our final finances will be much better than predicted as the expenses for hackathon and paper processing were not needed. We are currently at \$22,000 and will need to close out storage, pay a few final expenses, and audit fees (which will also be much less than expected as our total budget was under \$50K. We will definitely be closed out before December 31, 2020.