Director's Report
To: R3 ExCom, R3 Committee, R3 SOSC
Subject: Region 3 Director's Report
Date: 19 April 2021

Region 3 Committee meeting is 14 March 2021 (with additional content on 13 March)
Next Region 3 ExCom webex will be 19 April 2021, 8-10 pm eastern

We had two important things happen since I last sent out a Director's Report – we held a virtual IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon, and Sections Congress Virtual Training was held just over a week ago. It was good to "see" so many of you at both! I especially enjoyed hearing the Section Reports at SoutheastCon. I hope you all made connections with each other, so that you can work together on projects and share ideas for overcoming obstacles and challenges! Thank you again the SoutheastCon organizing committee for an excellent virtual conference.

Congratulations to our COVID Project teams, on excellent presentations at Sections Congress! We had visitors come and go during the presentations, as expected. I've been told that our Region 3 Projects exhibit was one of the better attended exhibit rooms! Special thanks go out to Grayson Randall for organizing the exhibit and coordinating the team presentations, and to each team. The session was recorded, so you will be able to watch the presentations if you were not able to attend. I also hope you learned something new or identified a different perspective from attending the Sections Congress sessions. I look forward to Sections Congress 2023, when we will hopefully be able to meet in person again!

I am forming an Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, to both look at what D&I means to Region 3, to assess the current state of D&I, and to make recommendations for us to implement. The Ad Hoc will be led by Bill Ratcliff. I'm excited to see the outcomes of this important committee!

On 13 May, we will have a Region-wide webinar on the state of IEEE, led by IEEE President and CEO Kathy Land and Executive Director and COO Steve Welby. I've asked them to focus on how IEEE is supporting and can better support/engage our members. Please invite your Sections/Chapters/friends!

The changes to our Bylaws that were approved by the ExCom and the R3 Committee are now in the hands of IEEE. The IEEE Governance Committee will be reviewing the changes this week. If the changes are approved, they will be presented to the MGA Board for approval in June.

Thank you for your contributions to our Region!

Respectfully submitted,
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ExCom and Committee Meetings, 2021 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

  ExCom WebEx: April 19, 2021
  ExCom WebEx: May 17, 2021
  ExCom WebEx: June 21, 2021
  ExCom WebEx: July 19, 2021

ExCom WebEx: August 16, 2021
ExCom WebEx: September 20, 2021
ExCom WebEx: October 18, 2021
ExCom WebEx: November 15, 2021
ExCom WebEx: December 20, 2021