

IEEE R3 Melbourne Section Report for April 19, 2021 R3 EXCOM Mtg

- **Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom**
 - No new issues

- **Success/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public**
 - Our next Section Newsletter, the IEEE Melbourne Section Space Coast Signal, was sent at the beginning of March 2021 and updated in anticipation of our Section meeting for March 17th. Our next newsletter will be published by the end of April 2021 prior to our section meeting scheduled for May 19th

 - Our Section meetings are currently scheduled for odd months on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next Section meeting as noted above

 - We have held several phone conference meetings & one working meeting with the Pandemic Project team and have laid out a strategy for completing this project by end of May 2021:
 - Phoncon to evaluate project plans and possible shift in strategy
 - Phoncon to review project reports to date
 - 210415 Working meeting to itemize Pandemic Care Kit
 - Phoncon to schedule next working meetings

 - Several PES Group presentations are currently scheduled or in the works. We have been impressed with the scheduled calendar of presentations from the Seattle Section and have been promoting and participating on an individual basis

 - The Pandemic Project Committee decided to make a shift in the strategy for the project trajectory. With the lack of response from our membership and community, we have decided to distribute Pandemic Care Kits to organizations like Daily Bread and Veterans Organizations. These kits will contain key personal care items like soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, hair brush, etc. We project to distribute about 150 kits with the funds provided for this project plus some funds from our Section

 - Due to the current COVID-19 situation, our section meetings are attended by an average of 15 members on site and 5 via virtual means

 - Our goal is to have a speaker at every Section Meeting. The speaker can be from our internal specialists or others such as Accountants, Investment Counselors, etc. If we do not have a speaker available, we schedule for a member to speak/demo their hobby or favorite past time. We will resume this activity as soon as social distancing is relaxed appropriately

- **Notable section activities (Positive and Negative)**
 - Our schedule thus far is as follows for the first half of the year and our Awards Banquet for 2021 venue is already reserved:

April 27 - Pandemic Project Working Session	May 19 - Section Meeting
June TBD- Section Social	Awards Banquet - December 11

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