

[R3-EXCOM2020] Young Professionals Report April 2021

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Region 3 Young Professional's Quarter 1 Highlights:

■ Awards and leadership

- Congratulations to Tamseel Mahmood Syed in receiving the Outstanding Young Professional 2021 Award at this year's SoutheastCon for outstanding service and sustained dedication to furthering the goals of Region 3 Young Professionals! Tamseel is currently pursuing his Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering and has been an active member of IEEE since 2007. He was elevated to Senior Member in 2020. He is currently the Chair of IEEE Atlanta Young Professionals Group and ComSoc Chapter. He is also a R3 representative to the IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee, a R3 YP leadership team-member and an ad-hoc member of ComSoc North America Board. He was also a TPC Co-Chair and YP liaison for the flagship R3 conference - SoutheastCon 2021.

■ Events & Activities

- Congratulations to all the volunteers and organizing committee of The Trailblazers 2021 for a successful series of professional talks, networking opportunities, and an amazing social activity for all level of professionals at SoutheastCon 2021! We thank our special guest speakers: Brian Wolf, Dr. Stephen E. Cross, Dr. Kristen N. Parrish, Dr. Bill Marshall, and Tom Coughlin for their insights and involvement in this year's Young Professionals events!
- Current status- finalizing logistics for volunteer and speaker appreciation

Here is a link to the photos.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y4xGw3ER9rKDD_tNP_g9f8JNzcgM1Eys/view?usp=sharing

Future Plans:

● Strategic

- Sit down with the director-elect
 - Succession planning
 - Tuning our 2022-2023
 - Plans for SEC 2022
 - R3
 - Possibility of extending to east coast R1/2/3 event
 - If in line , sit doen with R1-2-3 leadership to shape the plan
 - Plans for writing the YP Adhoc into the R3 fabric
 - If approved sit down with the SOSC

● Professional development

- Mentoring Program 2021 – starting fall
- Educational webinars/networking events – Fall 2021

- Governance (After the YP adhoc team sits down with the Dir-Elec)
 - Meeting with all YP AG officers across the region – Town hall
 - Provide the new YP governance structure for approval
 - Next Town hall with all 6000 YPs

Our Public Channels

We encourage you to **subscribe** to our public channels to keep updated about our activities.

- IEEE R3 YP [YouTube Channel](#)
- IEEE R3 YP [LinkedIn Page](#)
- IEEE R3 YP [Facebook Page](#)

Region 3 Young Professional Leadership Network

Region 3 YP leaders and volunteers are invited to [subscribe to the R3 YP Network \(Email list\)](#). It is maintained by the Region 3 Young Professionals Committee and used to share important information with the YP volunteer leaders.

Making a new YP Affinity Group

You only need **6 members** to make an Affinity Group and it is an efficient process that is completely online. If you plan to submit a petition, you can access it in [this link](#).

Have any questions or need support? Contact us at ieee-r3-yp@ieee.org

Submitted by,

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