

To: Region 3 ExCom
Cc: Region 3 Committee
Fm: David Green, R3 SOSC Chair
Dt: 17 June 2021

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) met most recently on 7 June.

Director Gostin reported on the project proposals received for the MGA project request and the results of seeking the participation of other regions.

Bill Ratcliff, Chair of the Ad Hoc on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Action (IDEA) discussed the activities of the committee and reported that it had held its first meeting.

Secretary Donohoe distributed a link to a pair of (test) motions for the committee to vote on that were hosted in IEEE vTools Voting. The group discussed the tool's pros and cons. Briefly, the tool works but requires enough prep and has some usage concerns that it is most useful for important votes that are asynchronous. Use during a meeting for a ballot that was "unexpected" would not be practical. It can only be used for votes that are For, Against, Abstain but not directly voting for the top 3 proposals to forward to Sections Congress. Secretary Donohoe was going to communicate some of the friction points back to the vTools committee.

The committee also received and discussed reports from the mentors to other committees. The committee (and function) mentors are

- Awards and Recognition Committee - Gregg Vaughn
- Member Communications Committee - Bill Ratcliff
- Conference Committee - Jim Conrad
- Finance Committee - Dave Green
- Section Support Committee - Mary Ellen Randall and Bill Ratcliff
- Professional Activities Committee - Theresa Brunasso
- Student Activities Committee - Pat Donohoe
- Membership Recruitment/Retention Function - Lee Stogner
- Area Chairs: Theresa Brunasso

Please keep these volunteer mentors in the loop and make use of their corporate memory and experience.

The next meeting of the SOSC will be on 2 August 2021 (skipping our next normal slot which falls on 5 July - a holiday for most members)