

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

*Region 3 Committee meeting is 3 April 2022 (with additional content on 1-2 April)
Upcoming Region 3 ExCom Webex will be 19 July 2021, 8-10 pm eastern*

I am writing this Director's Report very early this month, because I will be traveling and then having surgery. I do hope to attend the ExCom meeting on the 19th. Director-Elect Brunasso will lead the meeting.

The changes to our Bylaws, which included the changes affecting our Areas, were approved by the MGA Board. Beginning in January of 2022, Region 3 will have 5 Areas. The MGA Board also approved the closure of the Tennessee Council

A few other items from the Board Series:

Sections Congress 2023 will be held September 11-13 at the Shaw Center in Ottawa, Canada

MGA Surplus is being used for staff-developed IT projects

Three R3-submitted projects are being moved forward to MGA Committees for review and possible implementation ideas (the remaining projects will need to be addressed with other IEEE units or at the region level for potential support)

YP Mentoring

Hybrid Meeting Tool Set

Member Engagement / Membership Challenge

Technical Co-Sponsored Conference fees will continue in 2022 as in 2021 -- TCS charges passed to the Geo Units/Conferences will continue to be \$1000 + \$15/paper. Actual cost is **\$1,450/conf + \$22/paper, with MGA paying the difference**. A motion regarding TCS fees in 2023 will be considered in November

Updates on the Sections Congress 2020 recommendations were provided, including pilots that are already being implemented, pilots under consideration, existing programs and projects that are related (including the Industry Relations Platform project), and cost analyses underway. The recommendations are:

Consideration of a multi-year membership commitment.

Provide a high value Continuing Education program for working professionals.

Improved resources for sections to serve industry professionals and track industry contacts at the local level.

If there is anything in particular that you are interested in and you'd like to know if any of the Boards have discussed or had related actions in that area, please let me know. jgostin@ieee.org

Section officers – as you begin to re-start meetings in your section, or perhaps go to a hybrid meeting mode, please reach out to your Area Chair or the Region 3 committee chairs if you have questions or need help. What challenges are you facing? What successes have you had? Let's share best practices and work together to keep moving forward. Don't forget to be thinking of new ideas and new events! That is how you will pull in people that haven't participated recently (or ever)!

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: 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