

March 2022 - R3 Conference Committee Monthly Chair Report

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Conference Committee conducted the following activities since the last ExCom meeting:

- Making final preparations for IEEE SoutheastCon 2022 in Mobile (as well as the virtual technical sessions on March 26-27)
- Dropped the amended contract with the renaissance Riverview hotel to cut our room block by half as we have made our previously negotiated block (see numbers below)
- Moved the 2026 conference status to OPEN as we are no longer obligated to return to Mobile in 2026. The Mobile Section will decide if they want to move forward on presenting a proposal for 2026 once they complete their work on 2022. Possible Broward Section (2005,2015 Fort Lauderdale) proposal.
- 2022 stats:
- 129 papers, over half virtual on March 26-27
- Registered: 116 Authors, 284 students, **68** R3, 5 awardees, 19 staff, 31 others. ****NOTE - R3 EARLY REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO MARCH 25!****
- All schedules are now on website <https://ieeesoutheastcon.org/>
- Room block pickup (as of last report) was 604 room nights of the contracted 698 - well over the 80% (558) required by contract.
- Finalizing the last-minute A/V, electrical, and other logistics for the conference.
- Mr. Charles Lord has done an amazing job and he should NOT have to pay for any of his adult drinks at SoutheastCon.

Action Item for This Region 3 Excom Meeting:

- The Conference Committee unanimously approved a proposal from the NC Council to host SoutheastCon 2025 in Charlotte March 27-30, 2025. This proposal is attached to the report and needs to be voted on by the **Region Committee. We are moving for the R3 Executive Committee vote to endorse this proposal and move it forward to the Region Committee for approval at the meeting on April 3.**

Assistance needed:

- Need everyone to Register for hotel and conference ASAP.
- Sections/Councils interested in hosting SoutheastCon 2026+
- Sections/Councils interested in hosting Technical Conferences/Summit

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