

IEEE Region 3 – ExCom Meeting
Web Conference – Minutes
21 March 2022
8:00-10:00pm

Attendees (* denotes ExCom voting member):

Theresa Brunasso*	x	Eric Grigorian*	x	Pat Donohoe*	x	Joe Pennisi *	x
Jill Gostin*	x	James Imanian*	x	Wyman Williams*	x	Raul Ortega *	x
Paul Kuban*	x	Patrick Kung*		Nelson Lourenco*	x	Sonya Dillard*	x
Eric Ackerman*	x	Kristin Bing*	x	Bill Ratcliff*	x	David Fillion*	x
Dave Green*	x	Bailey Heyman*	x	Devon Gayle	x	Sharlene Brown	
Bill LaBelle		Evelyn Licona	x	Lucas Sweet		Stephen Hopkins	
Gregg Vaughn	x	Ebonee Walker		Hulya Kirkici		Charles Lord	x
Jim Conrad		Warren Nicholson	x	Joe Juisai		Alessio Medda	x
Claude Pitts		Eric Cramer	x	Andrew Seely		Mark Torres	x
Allen Jones	x	Tamseel Syed	x	Bill Harrison		Damith Wickramamayake	
Steve Kemp		Don Wright		Jacquelyn Cunningham	x	Lee Stogner	x
Jiayi Lin		Mary Ellen Randall		Dave Conner		AJ Burke	x
Paul Belussi		Larry Adams		Mohamed El-Sharkh		Annette Burney	x
Grayson Randall		Bob Hobbs	x	Don Hill	x	Earl McDonald	
Matt Horrer		McCauley Osaisai	x	Rich Kent		Christopher Burge	
Derik Pack		Angelo Ferraro	x	Jihye Bae		Rajeev Agrawal	x
Leandro Barajas		Warren Mackey		Mike Puckett		Bob Bush	
David Griffith		Demetris Geddis	x	Allen Zheng		Jason Finn	x
Stephen Morris		Dave Irons		Christopher Udeagha		Olugbenga Anubi	
Dan Bishop		Erica Simmonds		Melody Richardson		Parag Upadhyay	
Jeff Bevan	x	Bruce Harvey		Andrew Seely		Masood Ejaz	
Steffen Camarato		Arup Kumar Ghosh		Michael Smith		Regina Hannemann	x

Agenda:

- 1) Director Brunasso called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.
- 2) The meeting agenda was approved.
- 3) The consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the 21 February 2022 ExCom Meeting and reports listed in the information agenda, was approved.
- 4) Officer Reports
 - a) Director Report
 - i) Director Brunasso referred to her report on many important details for SoutheastCon 2022 including volunteer training, a Senior Member roundup, the MOVE truck on display, a welcome reception, and a WIE breakfast.
 - ii) Director Brunasso noted the current CDC COVID recommendation on masking requirements which is based on the local infection level which is currently low in Mobile, but this situation could change. Masks will be provided at the conference. The CDC recommends getting vaccinated and boosted, and to get tested if you have symptoms.
 - i) Kristen Bing is looking for three Life Members to serve on a Life Member Award Committee.
 - b) Director-Elect Report

Director-Elect Grigorian has been working with the Area Chairs as they encourage Sections to provide reports for the Region meeting at SoutheastCon 2022. Director-Elect Grigorian attended a Section Vitality Meeting in February.
 - c) Secretary Report

Secretary Donohoe has posted all submitted reports to the meeting website. Secretary Donohoe asked the meeting attendees to check the current list of Section delegates

(primary and secondary) to SoutheastCon 2022 and provide any updates or corrections. The roll call was taken for the ExCom meeting.

d) Treasurer Report

2022 Treasurer Pennisi noted that there was not much activity in the Region 3 budget over the last month and encouraged SoutheastCon 2022 attendees to submit their expense reports in a timely fashion after the conference. All Sections have earned the rebate and bonus based on financial reporting requirements. The transfer of operating account funds in excess of \$250,000 to the Region 3 long-term investment account will occur on April 1. There will be two NextGen training presentations at SoutheastCon 2022.

e) Past Director Report

Past Director Gostin reminded the ExCom to submit nominations for Director-Elect by March 31. Past Director Gostin recently attended the Region 2 Meeting which was their first face-to-face meeting since the beginning of the pandemic.

2) Action Agenda

a) Proposal to host SoutheastCon 2025 – ExCom endorsement

Conference Chair Eric Ackerman presented a proposal from the North Carolina Council and Charlotte Section to host SoutheastCon 2025 in Charlotte on March 27-30. The conference hotel will be the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte-Concord Golf Resort and Spa which was the same conference hotel for SoutheastCon 2010 and SoutheastCon 2017. A discussion followed on the conference budget. Chair Ackerman made a motion for the ExCom to endorse the Conference Committee recommendation to accept North Carolina Council/Charlotte Section proposal to host SoutheastCon 2025. The motion passed. This proposal will be voted on by the Region Committee at SoutheastCon 2022 in Mobile.

3) Discussion Agenda

a) SoutheastCon 2022 Update

SoutheastCon 2022 Chair Warren Nicholson presented a summary of the conference status. A total of 128 papers will be presented along with 4 tutorials. The current registration numbers are 279 students, 166 authors, 68 region attendees and 21 others. The Region has met the hotel obligation for rooms. Hardware competition judges are being trained but we need more judges. A total of 63 volunteers are currently signed up.

b) IDEA Survey Summary

The Chair of the IDEA (Inclusion + Diversity + Equity in Action) Ad Hoc Committee Bill Ratcliff presented a summary of the survey results and observations. Chair Ratcliff showed the IDEA team and summarized the timeline of the committee tasks. The survey was sent to 18,113 members in Region 3 with 2002 responses (11%). The demographics of the respondents were 87% male, 8% female and 5% not answering. The age of the respondents were 15% under 45, 11% were 46-55, 20% were 56-65 and nearly half (49%) were over 65, with 39% of the respondents being retired and 2% being unemployed. The importance of diversity and inclusion varied as important (45%), not important (30%) and neutral (25%). The survey revealed no single focus for specific change but showed areas of opportunity.

4) Review of Action Items From Last Meeting – none

5) Old Business – none

6) New Business – none

7) The next ExCom meeting is scheduled for 16 May 2022 from 8:00-10:00pm EST.

8) The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.