

IEEE Region 3 – Region Committee Meeting
SoutheastCon 2022 Mobile, AL
3 April 2022
8:00am-12:00pm

Minutes

Attendees (voting member*):

Director – Theresa Brunasso*	x	Director Elect – Eric Grigorian*	x
Secretary – Pat Donohoe*	x	Treasurer – Joe Pennisi*	x
Past Director – Jill Gostin*	x	Area 1 – James Imanian*	x
Area 2 – Wyman Williams*	x	Area 3 – Raul Ortega*	x
Area 4 – Paul Kuban*	x	Area 5 – Patrick Kung*	x
Awards Chair – Nelson Lourenco*		Member Communications – Sonya Dillard*	x
Conference – Eric Ackerman*	x	Finance – Joe Pennisi*	x
Section Support – Kristin Bing*	x	Nominations and Appointments – Jill Gostin*	x
Operational Audit – Bill Ratcliff*	x	Professional Activities – David Fillion*	x
Strategic Operations and Support – Dave Green*	x	Student Activities – Bailey Heyman*	
Alabama Section – Allen Zhang*	x	Atlanta Section – Alessio Medda*	x
Broward Section – Eric Ackerman*	x	Canaveral Section – Macaulay Osaisai*	x
Central Georgia Section – Erin Mullinax*	x	Central North Carolina Section*	
Central Savannah River Section – Annette Burney*	x	Central Tennessee Section – Jerry McCullough*	x
Central Virginia Section*		Charlotte Section – Sam Shue*	x
Chattanooga Section*		Coastal South Carolina Section – Nancy Tsai*	x
Columbia Section*		Daytona Section – Rebecca Demarco*	x
East Tennessee Section – Suhas Sreehari*	x	Eastern North Carolina Section – Rodney Radford*	x
Evansville-Owensboro Section – Mike Weinsapfel*	x	Florida West Coast Section – Andrew Seely*	x
Gainesville Section*		Hampton Roads Section – Prathap Basappa*	
Huntsville Section – Ahmed Elsayed*	x	Jacksonville Section – Robert Hobbs*	x
Jamaica Section – Devon Gayle*	x	Lexington Section – Daniel Cambron*	x
Louisville Section – John Doyle*		Melbourne Section – Raul Ortega*	x
Memphis Section – Eric Welch*	x	Miami Section – Osama Mohammed*	x
Mississippi Section – Rajeev Agrawal*	x	Mobile Section – Jacob Magnin*	x
Northwest Florida Section – Stephen Hopkins*		Orlando Section – Varadraj Gurupur*	x
Palm Beach Section*		Piedmont Section – David Fillion*	x
Richmond Section – Allen Jones*	x	Savannah Section*	
Tallahassee Section – Thomas Bellarmine*	x	Tri-Cities Section*	
Virginia Mountain Section*		Western North Carolina Section – AJ Burke*	x
Winston-Salem Section*		Charles Lord	x
Mary Ellen Randall	x	Sharlene Brown	x
Eric Cramer	x	Mark Torres	x
Tamseel Syed	x	Justin Baba	x
Evelyn Licon	x	Glenn Jones	x
Charles Niedermayer	x	Masood Ejaz	x
Grayson Randall	x	Arup Ghosh	x
Allen Jones	x	Jim Look	x
Don Hill	x	Gregg Vaughn	x
Erica Simmons	x	Jihye Bae	x
Shawn Wilkerson	x		

Agenda:

- 1) Director Brunasso called the meeting to order at 8:00am EST.
- 2) The meeting agenda was approved.
- 3) Director Brunasso proposed adding an item to the consent agenda involving the addition of Director-appointed Region Committee voting members. The Director-appointed voting members of the Region 3 Committee are (1) the Awards and Recognition Committee Chair, (2) the Member Communications Committee Chair, (3) the Conference Committee Chair, (4) the Section Support Committee Chair, (5) the Operational Audit Committee Chair, (6) the Strategic Operations and Support Committee Chair

and the five Area Chairs. The consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the 14 March 2021 Region Committee Meeting, reports listed in the information agenda, and approval of Director-appointed voting members to the Region Committee, was approved.

4) Officer Reports

a) Director

Director Brunasso noted that the 10 Directors are continuing to work on Region realignment. Director Brunasso is serving on the Conferences Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee to advertise IEEE as our professional home. The June Board Series will meet as a face-to-face meeting in Bellevue, WA. The Director noted that some Region 3 Sections are inactive and she plans to work with Area Chairs to either reactivate them or combine them with other Sections. After a summary of current IEEE membership statistics, Director Brunasso discussed IEEE President Ray Liu's Challenge to Directors to think differently including (1) Shape the IEEE of the future and examine how IEEE can evolve to meet the needs of technical professionals and (2) IEEE As Your Professional Home: How IEEE can be positioned as the professional home for the world's technologists starting from student through retirement.

b) Director-Elect

Director-Elect Grigorian is participating in the Region Realignment meetings and supporting Conference Committee activities. Director-Elect Grigorian will attend the upcoming Board Series in Bellevue, WA and continues to work with the Director and Area Chairs to reactivate dormant Sections.

c) Secretary

Secretary Donohoe encouraged everyone to sign the online attendance sheet for the Region Committee Meeting.

d) Treasurer

Treasurer Pennisi summarized the activity to date for the 2022 Region 3 budget. All Region 3 Sections completed their financial reporting and received both the rebate and the bonus. The transfer of funds from the Main Region 3 account into the Long-term Investment account is scheduled for the next transfer window. The detailed financial report was attached to the Treasurer's email submission of the Treasurer report.

e) Past-Director

Past Director Gostin noted that the deadline for nominations for the 2024 Region Director-Elect slate closed on March 31, and provided the details of the process to generate the slate of candidates. Past Director Gostin continues to support MGA as MGA Vice Chair / IEEE VP-Elect MGA.

5) Section Chair Reports

Each Section provided a short presentation including (1) officers, (2) the greatest 2021 success, (3) the greatest 2021 challenge, and (4) the top 2022 goals.

6) Action Agenda

Proposal to host SoutheastCon 2025 – Region Committee Approval

Conference Committee Chair Eric Ackerman presented a proposal from the North Carolina Council to host SoutheastCon 2026 in Charlotte, NC (27-30 March 2026) at the Embassy Suites Charlotte/Concord. The proposal included information on the conference overview, the location details, the conference details and the project management plan. Conference Committee Chair Ackerman provided details on the conference hotel and the draft budget for

the conference, and moved to approve the host proposal. After discussion, the motion was approved.

7) Discussion Agenda

a) Possible SoutheastCon 2026 Locations

With the selection of Charlotte as the location of SoutheastCon 2025, Region 3 is seeking proposals to host SoutheastCon 2026. The floor was opened to discussion from those Sections interested in hosting SoutheastCon 2026. Fort Lauderdale, FL and Huntsville, AL were discussed as possible locations for SoutheastCon 2026. In addition, Jamaica was discussed as a possible location for SoutheastCon 2027.

b) What are the Sections Greatest Needs?

As noted in the Section reports, the greatest need for Region 3 Sections is to restore Section activities to pre-pandemic levels. Several examples of successful Section activities to improve member engagement were shared in the Section reports.

8) Old Business

There was no old business.

9) New Business

There was no new business.

10) Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Region 3 Committee Meeting is set for 16 April 2023 in conjunction with SoutheastCon 2023 in Orlando, FL. The next scheduled Region 3 ExCom Meeting is scheduled for 16 May 2022 (Webex).

11) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40am.