

I am happy to report that we Many new Affinity Groups and Chapters in our Region since our June meeting. They include

New Life Member Affinity Groups:

1. Orlando
2. Columbia

New WiE Affinity Groups:

1. Mississippi
2. Coastal SC

New PES Student Branch Chapter at Florida Polytechnic

New WiE Student Branch Affinity Group at Murray State

New Consultant's Network in Orlando

New Intelligent Transportation Systems Student Branch Chapter at the University of Florida

Congratulations to the Sections and Student Branches that formed these new groups to engage their members! If you are interested in forming a new chapter or affinity group, the process is easy and outlined on [MGA website](#).

Region 3 membership in July 22 was up 1.7% over last year, with a total membership of 22,553. Grad students are up 10%, Undergrad students are up 24.1%, but Higher Grade members were down 0.4%. We have the second largest growth of the six US Regions. (Region 5 beat us this month.)

June Board Series went well, and the board endorsed an [amendment to the IEEE Constitution](#) that increases the total number of voting members required to add a member-initiated petition to the annual ballot from 0.333% to 1% and add a 0.333% voting member requirement for each Region.

Stephen Hopkins will work with Evelyn Licon to create a WiE page on the R3 website.

I am still looking for an Industry Relations Coordinator replacement since Steve Guendert stepped down. If you are interested, or know a good candidate, please let me know.

[VIC Summit](#) is in Atlanta next year, and Jill and I are working with the Section officers to make it a special event. It is an honor to host this event, and I hope many of you will consider attending.

[Executive Director candidates](#) is narrowed to 3 finalists, which the Board members will interview in San Francisco this weekend.

Tomorrow night at 7:00 PM, Regions 1, 2 and 3 are cohosting a [meet the President Elect Candidates](#) Webex. Voting starts today, so I hope you will join us tomorrow night and get to know the candidates before you vote.

I am very sorry to tell you that Kristin Bing, our Section Support Committee Chair, is in the hospital and she asks for our good thoughts. I do not know more than that, and I want to respect her privacy. While she is recovering, Andrew Seely has graciously agreed to act as the SSC Chair. In addition, Evelyn Licona will serve as our Sections Congress Coordinator. Please give them your support.

As always, thanks for all you do for IEEE!

Respectfully submitted,
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