IEEE R3 Section Support Committee Report

15 August 2022

Last SSC meeting: 16 June 2022 << No meeting held in July

SSC Chair Kristin Bing on medical outage, please keep her in your thoughts.

Andrew Seely acting SSC chair in her absence. Andrew.seely@ieee.org

Technical Activities Coordinator

- TA will send out an email to all section officers around second week of September to see if they need any help with anything for their chapters.
- TA will also send instructions on how to find numbers on potential new chapter formation.
- TA will host a meeting for Region 3 Technical Activities discussion during October.
- Future-plans: TA is exploring a competition for all sections in R3 to generate interest in formation of new chapters and effective operation of the existing ones. This might also have some kind of reward (financial or special mention) for the top 2 or 3 sections. Details for discussion during the next SSC meeting.

R3 SSC Web Site

- R3 SSC Knowledgebase is under construction: https://kb.ieee.org/r3/
- Developer of the MineraKB Knowledgebase Plugin is located in the Ukraine and will not be able to provide any product support until the war ends.
- It appears that as you add KB topics, the plugin pushes some of the topics out of the list of ones that get displayed. Working on a fix.
- Working through a technical problem where FAQs get lost in the creation of new FAQs. Considering a work-around to use BLOGs for sensitive items and FAQ for persistent items.

Projects Committee

- In early July, Sonya Dillard sent all R3 Section Chairs the announcement about the funding opportunity for Climate Change projects.
- So far, I have received one inquiry from the Chair of the Columbia Section about the funding limits and one inquiry from the Vice Chair of the Orlando Section regarding whether Senior Design groups are eligible to participate. (The answer to the second question is "Yes" provided that they meet the other requirements such as the participation of at least three IEEE members of any grade level.)
- SSC Knowledgebase technical limitations are preventing posting of the Projects Committee Climate change Project flyer. Currently exploring other locations to advertise this activity.

Senior Members

Senior Member Roundup held 23 July 2022

- 15 Region 3 sections represented
- 26 Region 3 senior member candidates
- 24 Region 3 senior member reference provider volunteers
- 6 nominators from three sections
- 3 sections co-hosted: FWCS, Melbourne FL, and Columbia SC
- Observed by Region 5 Central Texas Section and Region 6 Hawaii Section

Senior Member Roundup planned for 3 September 2022

- Co-hosting with Eastern Tennessee, Huntsville, Orlando sections
- Observed by IEEE Industry Engagement Committee
- Will include reference provider volunteers from Region 1
- Will include candidates from Region 8, Kenya Section

Collabratec Region 3 Senior Member Networking Workspace

- Led by Senior Member Support Volunteer Mario Guerrero, mario.guerrero@ieee.org
- 80+ workspace members from across Region 3
- 150+ workspace posts
- Monthly recruitment drives to join and use Collabratec
- 50+ new feature/bug-fix enhancement requests for Collabratec submitted to IEEE IT in the last six months, including:
    - Spell check added to system Posts and Comments and system Messages
    - Resolved issue with disappearing Read / Unread status icons that required hovering the mouse pointer to check status. Now they are permanently displayed
    - Resolved issue with being only able to display 20 messages in the message screen. Now a complete history is listed of read and unread messages
    - Identified and resolved disappearing Menu Bar issue with changing browser zoom settings

Region 3 engagement

- Leveraged senior member network to support Hillsborough Community College (HCC) development of a Business and Industry Leadership Team to support NSF grants and academic program development
- The senior member engagement also resulted in a discussion and first steps on forming an IEEE student branch at HCC
- Supported St. Petersburg College with senior member speakers and volunteers for a college-hosted Power and Energy day
- Used senior member network to connect FWCS with Alabama section to support interstate commercial engineering projects

External engagement

- Industry Engagement Committee (IEC) – R3 SSC provided content and support to develop IEC outreach to industry for senior membership engagement, collaborated with IEC to develop a conceptual industry-oriented senior membership program
- IEC – R3 SSC collaborated with R6 Hawaii section and IEC to develop a student engagement lecture series, with 12+ senior members from across R3 volunteering to support the effort
- R5 Central Texas Section – Shared processes and documentation, collaborated on developing enhanced approaches for improving member engagement and senior membership development

Women in Engineering
JUNE
- WIE Focused Senior Elevation Meeting with Andrew Seely and Sulochana Deshmukh
- IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Conference (WIE ILC) Somayeh Bakhtiari Ramezani and Anne Costolanski are attending from the WIE board.
- Webinar: Transitioning from school into the workforce. June 16th lead by Marlene Russel, main speaker Carissa Gudenkauf.
- Monthly WIE East Forum Meeting
- WIE global meeting

JULY
- Movie Screening planning
- Monthly WIE East Forum Meeting
- Planning for Fall event with Breaking the Glass
- Region 3 WIE Board Meeting for Fall/Winter Events

Membership Development
Region 3 Town Hall for 1st and 2nd year members to meet YP, WIE, SM, TA, and current and past directors for a town hall Q&A session, 25 August.

Young Professionals
Nothing significant to report

Life Members
Nothing significant to report