

To: Region 3 ExCom
Cc: Region 3 Committee
Fm: David Green, R3 SOSC Chair
Sb: Strategic Operations and Support Committee Report
Dt: 15 August 2022

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) had its most recent meeting on 1 August 2022 using WebEx.

Director Brunasso updated the group on various IEEE topics. She noted the improving membership statistics (June 2022) for Region 3 dominated by a substantial increase in student membership. The June IEEE Meeting series was held in Bellvue, Washington. She solicited suggestions for an Industry Relations Coordinator replacement since Steve Guendert stepped down. She noted that VIC Summit is in Atlanta next year, and that she and incoming MGA VP Jill Gostin are working with the Atlanta Section officers to make it a special event. Finally, she reported that there are now 3 finalists for IEEE Executive Director candidates who will be interviewed in San Francisco later this month.

Chair Green led a discussion about Region 3 (and member) file storage given upcoming changes based on the new IEEE-Google contract and the changes to EWH. MGA also has an active project team working the IEEE-Google issue. This is a developing item with more details being developed including recommendations for R3.

The committee reviewed and then voted to recommend Operations Manual Changes to the R3 ExCom for approval at its next meeting. The necessary information about the changes have been transmitted to the ExCom prior to the meeting as required by Region 3 policy.

Jill Gostin reported that work continues on an update to the Region 3 History Document. It is expected that the new version will be available 3rd or 4th quarter of this year.

The group received and discussed reports from the various mentors to R3 committees:

- Awards and Recognition Committee - Gregg Vaughn
- Member Communications Committee - Jill Gostin
- Conference Committee - Jim Conrad
- Finance Committee - Mary Ellen Randall
- Section Support Committee - Bill Ratcliff
- Professional Activities Committee - Lee Stogner
- Student Activities Committee - Pat Donohoe
- Area Chairs - Eric Grigorian

Please keep the volunteer mentors in the loop and make use of their corporate memory and experience. They are there to help your committee be more successful.

The next meeting of the SOSC will be on 3 October 2022.