

Past Director's Report to Region 3 Committee
To: R3 ExCom, R3 Committee, R3 SOSC
Subject: Region 3 Past Director's Report
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It was so exciting to attend the IEEE Vision, Innovation, and Challenges (VIC) Summit and Honors Ceremony held in Atlanta earlier this month! Region 3 and the Atlanta Section were great hosts, and were recognized several times throughout the event and afterwards. Vint Cerf was one of many award winners; he was awarded the 2023 IEEE Medal of Honor. You can watch the Honors Ceremony here: https://ieeetv.ieee.org/channels/ieee_awards/2023-ieee-honors-ceremony. If you have the ability to attend one of these events in the future, I hope you will do so!

In my role as Region 3 Nominations and Appointments chair, I will continue working with Director-Elect Grigorian to determine his needs and plans for the Region 3 volunteer positions in 2024-2025. Be thinking about positions you may be interested in for those years, and feel free to reach out to me about your interests.

This week I will be joining a Region 3 webinar on Educational Activities. It is on Thursday, May 25, at 7pm eastern, register at <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/360770>. I hope many of you will join, or that you will find someone else in your Section to join. It would be great if we could expand the educational activities going on at the local level! Thank you to our EA coordinator Damith Wikramanayake for organizing the event.

As part of the IEEE in 2050 committee, I chair the Engagement and Membership subgroup. It is a challenge to think that far ahead and try to envision what the world will look like and how IEEE might need to change to adapt to that world! I have a great committee of staff and volunteers working with me, and we are gathering data towards understanding the possibilities of 2050. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, or know of good resources for information (especially outside of IEEE), please let me know.

Finally, I want to remind those of you that will be attending Sections Congress to register and book your travel soon! My understanding is that the suggested hotel for Region 3 is sold out, but there are other hotels that are available for booking during the registration process (book your room from the Sections Congress website). Sections Congress is an exciting meeting and a great opportunity to meet other volunteers from around the world, to learn best practices, to find new ideas for re-invigorating your Section, and to hear from and ask questions of highly experienced IEEE leaders. I am looking forward to attending Sections Congress 2023 and to seeing the impact it has on our volunteers – especially the first-time attendees!

Respectfully submitted,
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