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# IEEE R3 Richmond Section Report

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## Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom

None at this time.

## Successes/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public

- The Richmond Section is covering the expenses for the WIE Chair to attend the IEEE WIE Forum USA East later this week.
- The Richmond Section is covering the expenses for a YP representative to attend the "Explore the Future of Technologies" event in Charlotte on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- I have an initial face-to-face meeting with the LEGO Senior Manager for Government and Public Affairs scheduled for Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. I am currently trying to get LEGO to be the keynote speaker for the Richmond Joint Engineers Council banquet which will be held during National Engineers Week in February. LEGO is building a \$1B factory in the Richmond area that will be their only LEGO factory in the US. We are hoping to partner with LEGO on some future STEM activities.
- Dr. Patrick Martin informed me that he is going to try to form a Student Branch at the University of Richmond this spring. I am thankful to him for having provided a smooth handoff of the VCU Student Branch Counselor role to Dr. Weijun Xiao this past summer before he left VCU.
- I am attending the CCAM Research Day event at the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing in mid-November. I plan to meet with Lorin Sodell while I am there. In addition to Lorin's roles at CCAM, he is also the Director of External and Industry Engagement for the College of Engineering and Technology at Virginia State University. The VSU Student Branch has become inactive over the years and the last Student Branch Counselor has let his IEEE membership expire. I will seek Lorin's assistance with recruiting a new Student Branch Counselor for the VSU Student Branch.
- I am working on recruiting an organizer to form a Life Member Affinity Group for the Richmond Section.

## Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- The Richmond Section ExCom appointed Zach Devlin as the new Chair of the Richmond Industry Applications Society Chapter. Our previous IAS Chapter Chair had to step down to focus more time on his family. (Our other current officer in that Chapter is moving to Boston this month.) Zach moved to the Richmond area from Las Vegas about a year ago. His previous experience as an officer in the Las Vegas Section should help him to lead the Chapter and to recruit a new set of officers for the Richmond IAS Chapter.
- The Richmond WIE Affinity Group is co-hosting the [watch party](#) "She Started It" on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Richmond Section added two new Senior Members, Jairo Gomez and Venkataramana Miryala, during the last round of Senior Member elevations. Jennifer Ammentorp is now heading up the Senior Member elevation efforts within the Richmond Section.
- Attended the RJEC Kick-off Social on October 12<sup>th</sup> where I got to meet with members of other engineering professions.

Thanks,

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