

To: Region 3 ExCom
Cc: Region 3 Committee
From: Eric Grigorian, Region 3 Director
Subject: Director's Report
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Dear Colleagues,

I attended the February Board meetings in Orlando earlier this month. For second time this year, I welcomed all attendees to our successful Region! This is a special year as IEEE is celebrating its 140th Anniversary and the enthusiasm was all over. Based on the latest membership numbers, IEEE has reached an all-time-high of 474,336 (as of January 2024). Based on historical data, membership number do drop in February, but the hope is that the positive trend will continue. This increase in membership is attributed to all the hardworking volunteers and you deserve a special thanks.

The success of Jamaica's Workshop was also a big hit as Executive Director Muirhead did talk about the event and how we can learn and replicate the activity across other Sections. The workshop was held on Jan 17-18, 2024 at the University of Technology campus attended by University President, Jamaican Youth & Education Minister, UJAA (Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations) , and of course IEEE volunteers and staff. The MCE Team created a 2-minute video of the event (<https://vimeo.com/912240342/33029df11f?share=copy>) that is already on our Region website.

Once again, MGA has surplus funds, which we can use for a special project. I encourage you to take advantage of this program that encourages Regions to work together. I have asked Allen Jones to take a look at potential projects that can be proposed as the minimum cost of the project will need to be \$10K. I have also collaborated with Region 5 Director as we may be able to jointly submit a proposal to provide better visualization tools for use by the volunteers. Deadline for submission of proposals is April1, 2024.

I also worked with Region 9 Director as we are getting very close in establishing an MOU between the two Regions for an annual CaribbCon. Upon approval of both region Committees, intend would be to initiate the first Technical CaribbCon in Jamaica in 2025. Additionally, I have been working with MCE to establish an annual workshop in Jamaica.

AS we are getting close to upcoming SoutheastCon 2024 in Atlanta, each Section should have already selected a delegate, and notified Region 3 Secretary Pat Donohoe and Treasurer Joe Pennisi. If you have not made your hotel reservation, the allocated room block is already full and the flow-over Marriott Marquis has been able to accommodate. The Region 3 agenda has also been updated, so please take a look at it in advance of the meeting as the format has changed from previous years. This year, all committees will have their meetings on Friday and report their findings on Saturday and Sunday.

In April, we will have the Congressional Visit Day. In May, the VIC Summit & Honors Ceremony Gala will be held in Boston, and in September, IEEE-USA has organized an Alaskan Cruise.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support to IEEE!

Regards,

Eric Grigorian
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