

To: Region 3 ExCom
From: Sonya Dillard, Region 3 Director-Elect
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Region 3 Members,

It's full swing in 2024 and this month has flown by. I was very busy serving the IEEE in many capacities. As the R3 Director-Elect, I took a few IEEE mandatory training courses that will ensure proper guidance, ethics, and protocol. I also participated in several committee meetings.

As the Chair for the R3 Area Chairs monthly meeting, the main focus this month was to ensure that all Sections were able to submit their financials in time to get their Section rebate bonus from IEEE HQ. It was also stressed that all Sections should have their officers updated in vTools, and going forward it will be necessary for ALL Sections to hold their annual elections via vTools. Once all Sections have mastered using the online system, they will be happy to be onboard. Change is inevitable, so let's all just embrace it and move forward.

I also attended these committee meetings: R3 Financial Committee Meeting (FinCom), R3 Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) meeting, the R1 – R6 Forum, R3 Member Communications Committee (MCC), and the kick-off for the Region Vitality Committee (led by former R3 Director, Theresa Brunasso).

Locally, I also represented the IEEE by supporting the Alabama 1st Place Team of the Alabama Regional Future City Competition, to compete in the DiscoverE National Finals in Washington, D.C. The Alabama team won a special award given by the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), but they did not place nationally. I was the Chair for the "Huntsville Engineer's Week Awards Banquet" at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, from 5:00pm – 8:30pm. This event was hosted by the IEEE Huntsville Section. It was a great success with 225 attendees from local educational institutions, industry partners and several technical societies.

Looking forward to seeing you next month at the 2024 SoutheastCon at our Region 3 Meeting.

Sincerely serving YOU!

Sonya Dillard