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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 working with Virginia Commonwealth University and other groups in the Richmond area to set up a one-week summer program for young students to provide an introduction to robotics.
- We are also working with Dr. John Fife at VCU and the Communities in Schools program in an effort to reach out to students at Title I schools who might not otherwise be aware of some of the opportunities in STEM.
- We plan to send several members/student members to SoutheastCon so that they can bring back ideas to their groups.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- The Richmond Section, with greatly appreciated help from the VCU Student Branch, participated in the Greater Richmond Area's Celebrate Engineering Ingenuity Day event for K-12 students, their parents, and educators. We had activities for students, including Squishy Circuits for young students, Snap Circuits for slightly older students, and XRP Robots for older students.
- Eight Members and Student Members from the Richmond Section attended the annual Richmond Joint Engineers Council Banquet.
- Volunteer burnout remains a problem. We have at least two volunteers who are planning to step down from their current positions and recruiting new volunteers has been difficult. Generally, member's other commitments with family or work leave them with no additional time for other activities.

Thanks,

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