[IEEE R3] Conference Committee Report 2024-04

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Fellow Region 3 ExCom Members,

First, thank you to the IEEE SoutheastCon 2024 Local Organizing Committee in Atlanta for hosting a spectacular conference. While final numbers have not yet been officially published, this has been one of, if not, the most widely attended SoutheastCons in recent memory.

As we close out SoutheastCon 2024, we look forward to SoutheastCon 2025 in Charlotte/Concord. The Charlotte/Concord local organizing committee will begin meeting on a more regular basis as they plan and conduct the 2025 conference from March 28 to March 30, 2025.

The committee's near-term plans include working with sections to gauge interest and assist with completion of a hosting proposal for SoutheastCon 2027. We also will work with our industry engagement coordinators to identify and target companies in our industry as sustaining sponsors for SoutheastCon. We also will work with our conference operations specialists to memorialize operational process to assist local organizing committees in conducting the conference.

The conference committee was approached by Jamaica Section to host SoutheastCon 2027. We provided the section initial guidance to prepare for a proposal submission to host SoutheastCon 2027. We also asked Jamaica to set up time with the committee chair and vice chair to discuss their organizing committee as well as the process to submit a proposal for consideration to host SoutheastCon 2027.

The vice chair was also approached by Vanderbilt University to host SoutheastCon in the future. I reached out to the Central Tennessee Section and Area 4 chairs to gauge interest. I am attending the Central Tennessee Section ExCom meeting on Tuesday, April 23 to brief them on Vanderbilt's interest and see if they would like to submit a proposal to host IEEE SoutheastCon. I've also asked Area 4 chair Paul Kuban to connect me with other section chairs in Kentucky and Tennessee to gauge interest in hosting SoutheastCon in the future.

Finally, I will be attending the IEEE Conference Collaboration Summit in Nashville on Friday, April 26, 2024, representing the region conference committee at the summit.

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