To: Region 3 CommitteeCc: Region 3 CommitteeFrom: Eric Grigorian, Region 3 DirectorSubject: Director's ReportDate: 21 April 2024

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you enjoyed your time at SoutheastCon 2024 and had the opportunity to take advantage of all the great material that were presented by the VIPs attending the conference and also your fellow committee members, learning some tips that will help you lead your Section. I would also like to thank the Atlanta Section and the SoutheastCon 2024 organizing team and the volunteers that made the event a success, led by Alessio Medda. Based on the preliminary numbers provided by the SoutheastCon 2024 Committee, it looks like we are back strong. Our VIPs were also impressed by the event and were planning to implement some of our activities. It is now time to concentrate on SoutheastCon 2025 to be held in Charlotte, NC, led by Past Director James Conrad and Charles Lord. Looking forward to the and ever expanding SoutheastCon!

During the month, we also had the Congressional Visit Day. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but we had representation by the Region, including our own Mary Ellen Randall. Looking forward to be able to participate in the event next year. In May, I will be participating in the VIC Summit & Honors Ceremony Gala that will be held in Boston. Additionally, with the help for the Projects Committee, we were able to submit two projects that were approved during the SoutheastCon to MGA as part of project data call utilizing MGA excess funds.

During the month I have also started working on pulling resources for the planned Innovation, Workforce and Research Conference (IWRC) for Aerospace and Defense with IEEE-USA. The event is planned for first week of December 2024 in Huntsville, AL.

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

Regards,

Eric Grigorian IEEE R3 Director