[IEEE R3] Conference Committee Report 2024-05

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Fellow Region 3 ExCom Members,

The Conference Committee remains busy in May 2024 as preparations for IEEE SoutheastCon 2025 in Concord/Charlotte are underway. The Concord/Charlotte 2025 Local Organizing Committee will begin their monthly meetings the week of May 22, 2024, with a planning retreat in mid-June.

The regional conference committee chair attended the IEEE Annual Conference Collaboration Summit on April 25, 2024, in Nashville, TN where 25 other conference chairs/coordinators exchanged ideas on how to be better conference organizers across IEEE Membership and Geographic Activities ("MGA") and IEEE Technical Activities Board ("TAB") conferences. Two major items that came out of the summit are that IEEE Conferences, Events and Experiences (CEE) will be auditing paper quality across conferences and that IEEE CEE will look for help from conferences with complying with data gathering requirements.

The conference committee chair met with the Jamaica Section again on May 1, 2024, to discuss their potential proposal. The Jamaica section stated that they were having their first proposal meeting later that evening and would follow back up with the committee on any additional assistance needed.

On May 13, 2024, Director Grigorian approached the chair on a memorandum of understanding between Region 3 and Region 9 for CaribCon, which will be a jointly sponsored technical conference to be held annually in the Caribbean or South Florida. The chair provided feedback on the MOU on May 16, 2024.

The conference committee met on May 14, 2024. One outcome of that meeting is that a task force is being formed to evaluate how to extend the hardware competition across regions and what the impacts are to the conference. While we did not officially vote on this item, the committee is setting an internal deadline for sections to submit proposals for IEEE SoutheastCon 2027 by August 31, 2024. Sections are welcome to submit proposals by July 31, 2024, for initial feedback as part of the proposal process.

Also on May 14, 2024, the Central Tennessee Section stated that they are going to pass on hosting IEEE SoutheastCon in 2027 but are open to hosting it in the near future.

The Region 3 Conference Committee's next meeting will be held on June 11, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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