

To: Region 3 Committee  
Cc: Region 3 Committee  
From: Eric Grigorian, Region 3 Director  
Subject: Director's Report  
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Dear Colleagues,

Today, I am reaching out to you while in Toronto as part of IEEE Board Series meetings. The event was packed with various activities with a strong Region 3 representation by Past Directors and members that are engaged in various IEEE OUs. However, while at the meetings, we were saddened by the news that William "Bill" Ratcliff had passed away. He was a great contributor to the Region 3 and IEEE as a whole and he will be deeply missed. Once we have additional details on the arrangements, we will share the information with the Region.

During the Board Series, we also got an exciting news with respect to selection of IEEE Atlanta Section as 2024 MGA Outstanding Large Section Award. This is a great achievement and I would like to congratulate past and present Section officers and all Section volunteers for their continued support and engagement to excel. Additionally, MGA approved the 2 MGA Excess Funds Project proposals that Region 3 had submitted.

Jacob Kulangara has also been very active in organizing Life Member Affinity Groups (LMAG) within the Region 3, with 3 new LMAGs formed in the past month. I would like to request all Section Chairs to work with Jacob as we have many other Sections that have sufficient Life Members and can for the affinity group.

During the month, I supported several activities at the IEEE Board level including IEEE Audit Committee meetings, interviews with potential Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) vendors. Additionally worked toward identifying potential presenters and sponsors and 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. Additionally, worked with Conference Committee on the revised MOU for the CaribCon, which will be an annual joint event between Regions 3 and 9.

During the meeting series, "Meet the 2025 IEEE President-Elect Candidates Forum" was held on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2024. I hope you were able to participate in the event's livestream. The candidates are Mary Ellen Randall, John Verboncoeur, and S.K. Ramesh and I encourage all of you to participate in the upcoming IEEE leadership election.

Thank you for your continued support to IEEE!

Regards,

Eric Grigorian  
IEEE R3 Director