

IEEE Region 3, Director-Elect Monthly Report

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Region 3,

Since our last meeting, several things have been accomplished. On-going communications with the Area Chairs Committee and scheduling a monthly One-on-One tag-up with the Member Communications Committee Chair. I have also continued participating as the Region Vitality Coordinator for R3 and further support for the Sections Vitality for all 41 individual Sections in Region 3.

On June 19 – 24th, the IEEE Board Meeting Series and MGA Meetings were attended in Toronto, Canada by four members from within our region. Eric Grigorian, Jill Gostin, myself and Mary Ellen Randall. Mary Ellen Randall graced the stage and represented Region 3 very well during the Meet the 2025 IEEE President-Elect Candidates Q/A & Reception in Toronto. The perpetuity of this organization is in good hands with the 3 candidates that are on this year's slate, and you have the opportunity to view and hear from them on Tuesday, 6 August 2024 at 9am EDT at the Livestream Meet the Candidates Forum. Mark your calendars now by registering here: <http://meet-the-candidates.ieee.org/>

Several connections have been made to start intensive planning for the 2024 IEEE-USA Innovation, Workforce, and Research Conferences (IWRC), to be held on December 3 – 4, 2024 in Huntsville, Alabama. Experts from our region and across the country will discuss the CHIPS Act, research grants, technology transfer programs, start-up funding, intellectual property and many other topics related to inspiring and empowering true innovation in the southeast. We hope to host a minimum of 200 participants in the "Rocket City". For more information on this conference, click here: <https://iwrc.ieeeusa.org/alabama/>

Region 3 is abundantly blessed with talented and dedicated volunteers. I am thrilled to continue this journey with you helping to advance technology for the benefit of humanity.

Sincerely serving you!

Sonya Dillard

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