



IEEE SoutheastCon 2025

Report to the R3 Excom

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

IEEE SoutheastCon 2025

"Industry and Academia in Partnership"

March 22-23, 2025 - Virtual Technical Conference

March 26-30, 2025 - In-Person Conference

Embassy Suites

Concord (Charlotte), NC

Progress

- ▶ NextGen account set up – R3 funds in, NC Council funds will be in shortly
- ▶ Call for papers released in Atlanta, published on website
- ▶ HW rules released in Atlanta and on website
- ▶ SW, Circuit design started
- ▶ Continued Review of contract and space for planning
- ▶ Contributor/Exhibitor "sales brochure" completed and being posted to website tonight
 - First Contributor/Exhibitor (Silver!) secured! Yay Kennesaw State!
- ▶ Website up, switched to ieesoutheastcon, still adding some pages
- ▶ First full meeting took place 12 June via WebEx
- ▶ In-person 'retreat' on hold as we build the team
- ▶ Arranged contact between R3 excom and hotel for December retreat

Plans

► Still recruiting some positions – Current positions confirmed:

- Charles Lord – Co-Chair, Pubs chair, NC Council Rep*
- Jim Conrad – Co-Chair, TPC, Sponsors*
- Sam Shue – Student Programs Lead
- Rodney Radford – Student Programs, Discord
- Binesh Kumar – Logistics, YP program
- David Fillion – Registration
- AJ Burke – Treasurer

- * looking for leads for these positions

Still recruiting:

- Social media
- Local Arrangements
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Track chairs
- Publicity
- Industry Program Coordinator
- Assistant Treasurer
- TPC Vice Chair

Ongoing

- ▶ Starting monthly Webex meetings June 11
- ▶ Planning retreat on hold to gauge people's availability
- ▶ Registration systems are in the process of being set up
 - RegFox and EDAS development started
 - RegFox will be set up for vendors by June 15
 - Papers (EDAS) will open by August 15
- ▶ Sponsors and Exhibitors are already being sought and acquired
 - Higher level contributors will be offered workshop/tutorial slots
 - Sources include companies who regularly attend UNC Charlotte job fairs and IEEE-HKN Student Leadership Conferences
 - Will also visit ASEE Annual Conference Exhibit Hall and "sell" to companies there
 - Will approach vendors at upcoming commercial design and manufacturing show in Charlotte in June
 - Will contact ECE Department chairs across the Southeast to "sell" exhibit hall participation for their Graduate Programs
 - Commitments from Kennesaw State (\$5k), NAVAIR, Qorvo, Schweitzer Engineering Labs, UNC Charlotte. (Last five as exhibitors).
 - Would like to get the patron contact list from SoutheastCon 2024.

In the next month

- ▶ Meetings to be held in all five sections in NC to promote participation in the conference and assign 'micro-tasks' as well as open positions.
- ▶ Brian Page has graciously offered to help with the webpage until we can get a full-time webmaster (local preferred). Melody has also offered to help once vacation travel is done.
- ▶ Space planning this week will determine our ability to accommodate other region students to participate in Open Hardware. We barely had room for 60 work tables in 2017 and we need more space for papers with the anticipated numbers based on the last two years. Space for the other student competitions should not be a problem based on recent years – although we will need to accommodate two rooms for ethics as RSAC is going back to the older model of prelims.
- ▶ Our sponsorship team will be reaching out to industry the next two months
- ▶ Jim and I will be working with IEEE-USA for participation in the Industry Day Thursday

Questions??

