

To: Region 3 ExCom
Cc: Region 3 Region 3 Committee
Fm: David Green, R3 SOSC Chair
Sb: Strategic Operations and Support Committee Report
Dt: 24 June 2024 Meeting

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) met on 02 June by WebEx.

The committee briefly discussed file space strategy as another change occurred in the Google IEEF offerings. The situation is a holding state until the end of the year allowing additional time to look at alternatives.

The committee noted the need to update previously distributed financial information and where to “house” that information. Tentative plans are for the Operations Manual to refer to the information, but for the information to be located on the R3 website and maintained by the Region 3 FinCom with assistance from the R3 Webmaster.

The committee continued to improve volunteer assignment documentation for some positions in the Region 3 Operations Manual where information is outdated, weak, or missing. It also discussed other incremental improvements for the Operations Manual. These changes are expected to be brought forward for approval at the end of the year or early 2025. The goal is to ensure that there is information to allow informed appointments and to provide a starting point for candidates/appointees to learn about the position. At this meeting, the group covered the Sections Congress Coordinator, WIE Coordinator, YP Coordinator.

The committee is working with the YP Coordinator to establish a YP (sub-)committee under the Section Support Committee (SSC). The SOSC chair and YP Coordinator are collaborating on a proposal. The present plan is to bring for the proposal for the (sub-)committee to the ExCom for approval and then amend the Operations Manual in concert with the other Operations Manual changes being prepared.

The Operational Audit Committee (OAC) chair updated the committee on the plans to archive R3 information to serve as information for the audit of various committees. OAC will report additional information including reporting frequency and report structure/contents. These improvements will also be placed in the Operations Manual as appropriate.

The committee is working on a mid-year status report on the goals. We have asked the mentors to seek updates from the responsible parties. Thanks to those who have already responded.

The 2024 SOSC mentors for the various R3 Committees are:

- Awards and Recognition Committee - Gregg Vaughn
- Member Communications Committee - Sonya Dillard
- Conference Committee - Jim Conrad
- Finance Committee - Mary Ellen Randall
- Industry Engagement - Vince Socci
- Section Support Committee - Jill Gostin, Bill Ratcliff
- Professional Activities Committee - Theresa Brunasso
- Student Activities Committee - Pat Donohoe
- Area Chairs - Sonya Dillard

Please keep the volunteer mentors in the loop and use their corporate memory, connections, and experience. They are there to help each committee be more successful.

The next meeting of the SOSOC will be July 1.