

# IEEE R3-AREA3 Report

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- **Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom**
  - None
- **Area3 Section Issues/Reports**
  - I am pleased to report that the Palm Beach Section is getting organized and going active. I received a couple of member candidates from R3 HQ and when calling to coordinate with the present section chair, Hari Kalva, he reported that they had held planning meetings on section revitalization that went very well and also noted that they are in the initial stages of restarting their student group at FAU with about 200 student members. Mr. Kalva agreed to schedule a dinner for existing and new members for me to attend and speak during the latter part of September. The plan is to talk about Region 3 support for the section and offer to maintain involvement and support until the section is up and running
- **Success/Opportunities for Engaging the Member, Volunteer, Non-Member, Public-Reminders**
  - I continue to participate with the Florida Council and am currently Vice Chair
  - All R3 Area Chairs that are Florida Sections are invited to attend the Area Report portion of the FC meeting
  - Region3 Area3 Florida Sections are in the process of planning and promoting the 2024 IEEE R3-AREA3 CONFERENCE: NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY currently scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They have received great response and have already booked the six speakers programmed to participate. In fact, they had to modify the agenda to include a 7<sup>th</sup> speaker. Speakers include a security specialist, Col. S. Shannon DaSilva, from PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, CANAVERAL FLORIDA amongst other experts in CYBER SECURITY. All sections are excited about this conference as the beta for future Area3 joint conferences
- **Notable AREA activities (Positive and Negative)**
  - The Canaveral & Melbourne Sections will continue to hold as many joint events as possible. Thus far this year, we have held 6 joint functions and are increasing participation by other Area3 Sections
  - The Melbourne Section has invited the Canaveral Section to have a joint year end Awards and Holiday Banquet. Planning is underway.

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