

To: Region 3 ExCom
From: Sonya Dillard, Region 3 Director-Elect
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Region 3 ExCom,

August has been busy indeed! This month called for Back to School orientation and thrusting me back into High School with the business of homework supervision with my youngest child..... Uuuugh!

Since last month, I have been working on the following things: 1) Met with the Area Chairs and discussed how we can start to help Sections with reviving their meeting metrics and increasing their vitality. One way of doing this is with consistently hosting annual elections in the Section and asking the membership for nominations for offices and committee members. 2) I have also spoken with the R3 LMAG Chair, Jacob Kulangara about ensuring that all current LMAGs within the Sections stay active by hosting at least 2 events per year, and his ability to help petition for a new LMAG in those Sections without one. If there is an interest, he can help you form an LMAG within your Section. This meeting prompted us to schedule an LMAG Luncheon in September for my local Huntsville Section. 3) I attended the Conference Committee monthly meeting getting familiar with the planning for our next two R3 SoutheastCon events. 4) Attended the bi-weekly meetings for the IWRCs Planning meeting for our conference this December in Huntsville, and 5) submitted and online application to nominate a Senior Member for the IEEE Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) - Eta Chapter, which is our Professional Chapter of this organization.

I have also registered for the September Treasurer's Training, which will be in Piscataway, New Jersey at IEEE HQ. There is no doubt that will be learning the intricates of NextGen and what to look for in Section budgeting.

This month, I received a message via email, that I've "Earned a Member-Get-A-Member Award". Increasing IEEE Membership can be a win-win situation, and we all can be awarded an incentive for asking others to join this fellowship within our "IEEE Professional Home". IEEE Members can earn up to a maximum of \$90 per year towards their next year's membership dues, or they can choose to receive digital gift card as an incentive award for recruiting new members to join the IEEE.

For more information on Member-Get-A-Member, see program rules [here](#).

Looking forward to seeing you virtually at our next Monthly R3 ExCom Meeting.

Sincerely serving YOU!
Sonya Dillard