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Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom

None at this time.

Successes/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public

- We have had six members express interest in getting actively involved in the XRP Robots for STEM Outreach project. Most of these people had not previously been involved in any of the IEEE activities that we had undertaken.
- We are investigating various ways to get the 3D printed parts cost down on the XRP Robots project. (More details on the status of that project will be in a separate report.) One idea is to have the VCU Makerspace print the frames but not do the post-printing removal of the supporting structures that they would normally take care of. We would then have groups of IEEE student members get together and take care of that step in return for pizza.
- We have a new Computer Society member, Jasmeet Bhatia, who was just elevated to Senior Member and who has already volunteered to organize one of our Distinguished Visitor Program speaker sessions. Jasmeet has arranged with Dr Adel Elmaghraby to do a virtual presentation on “AI and Digital Transformation: Industry Driven Partnerships” at noon on October 18th. Jasmeet is in the process of reaching out to Chapters and Student Branches throughout Region 3 to see if any of them are interested in being co-sponsors. The draft vTools Events notice is at <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/431172>.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- The Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Student Branch has new officers. We are working with them to set up a time for training.
- We are planning to work with the Virginia State University Student Branch to get it reinvigorated. Over the last several years, they have faded away, but we got a new Student Branch Counselor at the end of last year and are hoping to start turning things around this year.

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