

IEEE Region 3 – Region Committee Meeting  
Web Conference  
23 September 2024  
8:00pm-10:00pm

Minutes

Attendees (voting member\*):

Director – Eric Grigorian *	x	Director Elect – Sonya Dillard*	x
Secretary – Pat Donohoe*	x	Treasurer – Joe Pennisi*	x
Past Director – Theresa Brunasso*	x	Area 1 – James Imanian*	x
Area 2 – Wyman Williams*		Area 3 – Raul Ortega*	x
Area 4 – Paul Kuban*	x	Area 5 – Daniel Diaz*	
Awards Chair – Nelson Lourenco*	x	Member Communications – Andy Seeley*	x
Conference – Joe Juisai*	x	Finance – Joe Pennisi*	x
Section Support – Kristin Bing*	x	Nominations and Appointments – Theresa Brunasso*	x
Operational Audit – Gregg Vaughn*	x	Professional Activities – Sharlene Brown*	x
Strategic Operations and Support – Dave Green*	x	Student Activities – Bailey Heyman*	x
Alabama Section – Dave Green*	xx	Atlanta Section – Arup Ghosh*	x
Broward Section*		Canaveral Section*	
Central Georgia Section – Jake Hopkins*	x	Central North Carolina Section*	
Central Savannah River Section – Stephanie Hugenin*	x	Central Tennessee Section*	
Central Virginia Section*		Charlotte Section – Jim Conrad*	x
Chattanooga Section*		Coastal South Carolina Section – Nancy Tsai*	x
Columbia Section* - Angelo Ferraro*	x	Daytona Section*	
East Tennessee Section – Tom Karnowski*	x	Eastern North Carolina Section – Joe Pennisi*	xx
Evansville-Owensboro Section – Brad Kicklighter*	x	Florida West Coast Section – Andy Seely*	xx
Gainesville Section*		Hampton Roads Section*	
Huntsville Section – Will Goins*	x	Jacksonville Section*	
Jamaica Section – Christopher Udeagha*	x	Lexington Section*	
Louisville Section*		Melbourne Section – Raul Ortega*	x
Memphis Section*		Miami Section*	
Mississippi Section – Rajeev Agrawal*	x	Mobile Section*	
Northwest Florida Section – Joseph Coffey*	x	Orlando Section – Joe Juisai*	xx
Palm Beach Section*		Piedmont Section – David Fillion*	x
Richmond Section – Allen Jones*	x	Savannah Section – Masoud Davari*	x
Tallahassee Section*		Tri-Cities Section*	
Virginia Mountain Section*		Western North Carolina Section – AJ Burke*	x
Winston-Salem Section - Hussein Abdeltawab*	x	Patrick Kung	
Jill Gostin	x	Jacob Kulangara	x
Mark Torres	x	Charles Lord	x
Sunny Bellary		Raj Gurupur	x
Arup Ghosh	x	Annette Burney	x
Tamseel Syed	x	Don Hill	
Lee Stogner	x	Austin Albright	
Devon Gayle	x		

Agenda:

- 1) Director Grigorian called the Region 3 Meeting to order at 8:00pm EDT.
- 2) The meeting agenda was approved.
- 3) The consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the 24 March 2024 Region Committee Meeting and reports listed in the information agenda, was approved.

#### 4) Officer Reports

##### a) Director

In August, an eNotice was sent to each Area opening up the nominations for all sections that are to have an election this year. The Area Chairs will report results for the upcoming Section election season. IEEE elections for IEEE President-Elect and IEEE-USA President-Elect are ongoing and everyone is encouraged to vote. The Innovation, Workforce and Research Conference for Aerospace and Defense will be held in Huntsville in December. More information on the conference can be found at <https://iwrc.ieeeusa.org/alabama/>.

##### b) Director-Elect

Director-Elect Dillard has met with the Area Chairs and discussed continuing efforts on using vTools for the nominations and elections process. Approximately 44% of the R3 Sections have nominations processes in progress. The region is encouraging the creation of new Life Member Affinity Groups and the Region 3 Life Member Coordinator Jacob Kulangara is willing to help in the petition process. Director-Elect Dillard attended a WIE planning meeting for an upcoming WIE event and is encouraging involvement of the Region 3 WIE membership in the next WIE Forum.

##### c) Secretary

Secretary Donohoe went through the roll call for the meeting to ensure that a quorum was present for the Region meeting. It was determined that a quorum was present.

##### d) Treasurer

Treasurer Pennisi gave a summary of the 2024 Region 3 budget to date (through August) which shows we are well ahead of budget projections. We are still in the black despite budgeting for a deficit due to a larger income than expected from SoutheastCon. All student travel subsidy checks for the conference have cleared. Treasurer Pennisi reminded everyone about the upcoming MGA Treasurer training on 9/27 which is being offered virtually. Treasurer Pennisi has created a template to be used for everyone to submit budget requests for the 2025 Region 3 budget.

##### e) Past-Director

Past-Director Brunasso reminded everyone to vote this week in the IEEE election with voting ending on October 1. Past-Director Brunasso continues to serve on the MGA GUOS Committee, the IEEE Governance Committee, and she is working with all the Region Vitality Coordinators to improve tools that Sections can use to track the health of their Sections.

#### 5) Action Agenda

##### Region Committee Approval of 2026-27 Director-Elect Slate of Candidates

A motion was made to suspend the rules so that the approval of the 2026-27 Director-Elect Slate of Candidates could be considered in the regular meeting to ensure a quorum was present. The motion passed. Past-Director Theresa Brunasso presented the details of the current and past roles of the two candidates, Andy Seely and Pat Donohoe. A motion was made to approve the candidate slate. The motion passed.

#### 6) Discussion Agenda

##### a) SoutheastCon 2025 Update

Conference Committee Chair Joe Juisai provided an update on SoutheastCon 2025. Registration is open and paper submission is open. The committee is currently working on space allocation for the conference. Meetings continue to be held in all five Sections in North Carolina to promote participation in the conference and assign micro-tasks. The patronage team will be reaching out to industry in the next two months.

b) Humanitarian Technology

Region 3 Humanitarian Technologies Board Representative Raj Gurupur presented a report on recent activities. The mission of IEEE MOVE Global is to bring mobile disaster relief and outreach to support disaster responders with communication and power, while engaging in STEM education and community outreach to enable preparedness and mitigation against natural disasters.

c) Industry Engagement – no report

d) Women in Engineering – no report

e) XRP Robots for STEM Outreach Project

Region 3 Projects Coordinator Allen Jones presented a summary of the XRP Robots the STEM Outreach Project. Currently, thirteen Region 3 Sections have signed up to participate. Generally, discussions about the activities going on in the IEEE “XRP Robots for STEM Outreach Project” will be handled through the IEEE XRP Robot Discord Server to help minimize the time needed to coordinate all the information exchanges. Sections who are participating in the project will receive ten robot kits at no charge provided the Section Chair contacts the Region 3 Projects Coordinator and provides the contact person and address to ship the robots.

6) Old Business

Review Action Items List from Last Meeting.

Submission of Nomination Committees

Area 1 - 7 of 9 Sections having elections, 3 have active nominations

Area 2 - no report

Area 3 - 4 Sections have not started nominations

Area 4 - 2 of 7 Sections having elections, 2 are about to get started, 2 will not hold an election this year

Area 5 - no report

Submission of Section Budgets

Only one Section (Orlando) has submitted a budget.

140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Section Activities

Atlanta Section will hold an event

Richmond Section is hosting a virtual event

Mississippi Section will have a hybrid meeting on IEEE Day

Jamaica Section will have an event with local Student Branches

7) New Business

There was no new business.

8) Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Region 3 Committee Meeting is set for 30 March 2025 in conjunction with SoutheastCon 2025 in Charlotte, NC. The next scheduled Region 3 ExCom Meeting is scheduled for 28 October 2024 (Webex).

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.