

To: Region 3 Region 3 Committee
Cc: Region 3 ExCom
Fm: David Green, R3 SOSC Chair
Sb: Strategic Operations and Support Committee Report
Dt: 23 September 2024 Meeting

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) met on 05 August via WebEx.

The committee continues to improve volunteer assignment documentation for some positions in the Region 3 Operations Manual where information is outdated, weak, or missing. It also is discussing 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.

The ExCom approved the establishment of a YP (sub-)committee under the Section Support Committee (SSC). SOSC will work to incorporate this subcommittee into the Operations Manual in concert with the other Operations Manual changes that are being prepared.

2025 will mark the first year the new IEEE Region 3 James H. Graham Cybersecurity Scholarship will be awarded. I hope everyone will promote the scholarship and urge those eligible to apply. More information is available from the R3 Awards Committee.

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 SOSC will be October 7th.