

To: Region 3 Committee
Cc: Region 3 Committee
From: Eric Grigorian, Region 3 Director
Subject: Director's Report
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Dear Colleagues,

Hope your fall has been going well. This past month, our region has been hit with two major storms causing havoc to our members lives, particularly in NC & FL. Our great MOVE volunteers have actively been providing support, with all 3 MOVE trucks deployed in NC and FL. I personally would like to keep our effected members and their families in our prayers as they are in the process of rebuilding their lives, and would also like to extend my thanks to each and every one of our dedicated volunteers that are actively supporting this truly humanitarian efforts.

During the month I have also been engaging with various Section nomination committees as they are actively working on the upcoming Section elections. I have and continue to identify potential new individuals that would be interested in serving in a leadership role as we need to actively identify, engage, and promote new individuals among us with the energy and drive to extend our region's successes.

Talking about elections, IEEE election for IEEE President-Elect, and IEEE-USA President-Elect is now over and our own Mary Ellen Randall will serve as 2026 IEEE President. Mr. Barry Tilton has also been elected as 2026 IEEE-USA President. I would like to congratulate both on their successful bid and selection to these prestigious positions.

During the month, I have also been working with IEEE-USA on Region 3's IWRC in Aerospace and Defense. The agenda for the event is coming together well as we have confirmed participation by DoD, and have identified a key individual within NASA's Marshal Space Flight Center who is full of energy and is actively supporting development of activities. Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E)) within the Department of Defense (DoD), will be hosting an invitation-only roundtable discussion with selected members of the small business community on Tuesday, December 3rd from 1:30 to 4:00. Representatives from the Office of the Principal Director for Advanced Computing & Software within the OUSD(R&E) are interested in hearing from small and mid-sized companies, that are in the beginning phases of working with the Department of Defense. The Roundtable will focus on opportunities and challenges to tech transition and on-boarding new technologies into the DoD. This event will give you a chance to discuss your perspective on the federal contracting process, share success stories, discuss obstacles, and identify ways to work together more efficiently. If you are aware of any organizations within your Section that is interested in participating in the event, please let me know as this is an event for the Region as we are trying to bring funding associated with CHIPS Act to our Region. More information on the conference can be found at <https://iwrc.ieeeusa.org/alabama/>.

Additionally, during the past month, Joe Pennisi, Sonya Dillard, and I participated in MGA's treasurer training as they rolled out the changes to the NextGen. These training sessions were also made available to all sections through a series of webinars. I hope you had a chance to register and participate in these training sessions.

Next few weeks is going to become very busy as Eta Kappa Ne Leadership Conference will be hosted in Charlotte, NC. We will also have our strategic planning meeting as we identify activities in 2025 for our region. Additionally, I will be participating in the Region 3 Operations Committee meeting, followed by IEEE BoD Series meeting. We will also be working with our Treasurer to develop our budget for 2025 and work our schedule of activities for the Region 3 meetings at SoutheastCon.

Our region's newsletter for fourth quarter of the year is also scheduled for release in early December. If you have any information and pictures from the year that you would like to submit for inclusion, please reach out to William LaBelle

Thank you for your continued support to IEEE!

Regards,

Eric Grigorian
IEEE R3 Director