IEEE Region 3 – ExCom Meeting
Web Conference – Minutes
28 October 2024
8:00-10:00pm

https://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/excom/meetings/2024-10/agendas.html

Attendees (* denotes ExCom voting member):

Eric Grigorian*	x	Sonya Dillard*		Pat Donohoe*	x	Joe Pennisi *	
Theresa Brunasso*	x	James Imanian*	x	Alessio Medda*		Raul Ortega *	x
Paul Kuban*	x	Daniel Diaz*		Devon Gayle *	x	Andrew Seely*	x
Joe Juisai*	x	Kristin Bing*	x	Gregg Vaughn*	x	Sharlene Brown*	x
Dave Green*	x	Bailey Heyman*	x	Wyman Williams	x	Bill LaBelle	
Eric Ackerman		Patrick Kung		Bill Ratcliff		David Fillion	x
Anthony Perales	x	Lucas Sweet		Nelson Lourenco		Damith Wickramamayake	x
Brian Page	x	Vishwas Powar		Chuck Cole	x	Stephen Hopkins	
Tamseel Syed	x	Ebonee Walker	x	LaRhonda Julien	x	Charles Lord	x
Jim Conrad		John Doyle	x	Jill Gostin	x	Will Goins	
Jacob Kulangara	x	Hermann Amaya		Binesh Kumar		Mark Torres	
Allen Jones	x	Steve Kemp		Elizabeth Hayes		Arup Kumar Ghosh	x
Kennedy Mays		Chase Battaglio		Brad Kicklighter		Lee Stogner	x
Masoud Davari		Mary Ellen Randall		Dave Conner		AJ Burke	x
Paul Belussi		Larry Adams		Raj Gurupur	x	Annette Burney	
Grayson Randall		Bob Hobbs		Don Hill		Earl McDonald	
Matt Horrer		McCauley Osaisai		Rich Kent		Christopher Burge	
Derik Pack		Angelo Ferraro		Eric Cramer		Rajeev Agrawal	
Leandro Barajas		Warren Mackey		Mike Puckett		Bob Bush	
David Griffith		Demetris Geddis		Allen Zheng		Jason Finn	
Stephen Morris		Dave Irons		Christopher Udeagha	x	Masood Ejaz	
Dan Bishop		Erica Simmonds		Melody Richardson	x	Regina Hannemann	
Jeff Bevan		Magreth Mushi		Paul Nyffenegger	x	Sudhir Shenoy	
Bruce Magruder		Len Elam		Eric Elwell		Jordan Johnson	
Orville Walker		Michael Birochak		Vince Socci		Tom Karnowski	x

Agenda:
1) Director Grigorian called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.
2) The meeting agenda was approved.
3) The consent agenda was approved which consisted of the minutes from the 26 August 2024 ExCom Meeting and reports listed in the information agenda.
4) Officer Reports
   a) Director Report
      i) Our thoughts and prayers are with those recently affected by the two major storms, especially in Florida and North Carolina. We recognize each and every one of our dedicated MOVE volunteers that are providing the much needed humanitarian support in these areas.
      ii) Director Grigorian recognized Mary Ellen Randall in her election as 2025 IEEE President-Elect and Barry Tilton in his election as 2025 IEEE-USA President-Elect.
      iii) Preparations continue for the IWRC in Aerospace and Defense to be held in Huntsville, AL in December. If you are aware of any organizations within your Section that are interested in participating in the event, please contact Director Grigorian. The goal is to bring funding associated with the CHIPS Act to Region 3. More information on the conference can be found at https://iwrc.ieeeusa.org/alabama/.

    iv) The Eta Kappa Nu Leadership Conference will be hosted in Charlotte, NC in November. The Region 3 Planning Meeting for 2025 will also be held in Charlotte in December.

    v) Director Grigorian, Joe Pennisi, and Sonya Dillard participated in the MGA training for treasurers last month as they rolled out the changes to NextGen. These training sessions are also made available to all sections through a series of webinars.

  b) Director-Elect Report

    No report.

  c) Secretary Report

    Secretary Donohoe noted that there were some reports submitted late that will be posted to the meeting website after the conclusion of the meeting.

  d) Treasurer Report

    Treasurer Pennisi submitted his report but was unable to attend the ExCom meeting.

  e) Past Director Report

    Past Director Brunasso noted that Region 3 voted to approve Pat Donohoe and Andy Seely as candidates for 2026-27 Director-Elect at the October ExCom meeting. The Past Director also congratulated Mary Ellen Randall in her election as 2025 IEEE President-Elect.

5) Action Agenda – There were no action items.

6) Discussion Agenda

  a) Presentation of the Proposed 2025 Region 3 Budget

    The ExCom discussed the proposed 2025 Region 3 budget (spreadsheet submitted by Treasurer Pennisi). The Region 3 FinCom will meet in November to develop the final version of the budget which will be presented for approval at the November ExCom meeting.

  b) SoutheastCon 2025 Update

    Thirteen papers have been submitted so far and another Call for Papers is going out this week. Jim Conrad has approached the sponsors of the HKN Leadership Conference regarding support for SoutheastCon. The planning committee is putting together details for the Industry Days which will be held on Thursday and Friday of the conference.

  c) SoutheastCon 2026 Update

    Ebonee Walker noted that the conference had received additional seed funding from the Region due to some larger deposits than initially expected. The contract with the Von Braun Center is in place. UAH is working on the hardware competition, and it was noted that the hardware competition rules should be available for review early in 2025. The planning committee meets monthly and the Technical Program Committee is in place. The committee is currently developing sponsorship letters.

  d) SoutheastCon 2027 Update

    Conference Committee Chair Joe Juisai gave an update on the selection of the site for SoutheastCon 2027. Two organizational units have submitted proposals for SoutheastCon 2027. The Jamaica Section proposes to host the conference on March 11-14, 2027, in Montego Bay at the Hilton Rose Hall and Montego Bay Convention Centre. The Canaveral, Daytona and Orlando Sections propose to host the conference on April 15-18, 2027, in Daytona Beach, FL at the Hilton Dayton Beach Oceanfront Resort. Both prospective hosts will make presentations to the Conference Committee on November 18. The Conference Committee will evaluate the proposals and present recommendations to the ExCom.

  e) Awards and Recognition

    Awards Chair Devon Gayle noted that the Region 3 Awards Portal is active, and the nominations deadline is approximately one month away (December 1). The committee expects to receive several nominations for the Cybersecurity Scholarship in its inaugural year.

The IEEE-USA 2024 award nominees were judged in October and the winners will be announced shortly.

    f) Life Member Affinity Group

        Region 3 Life Member Coordinator Jacob Kulangara noted that the Life Member Conference will be held June 11-13 in Boston, MA sponsored by Tufts University. The Life Member Committee is planning to donate $20K for hurricane relief. Sections were encouraged to make sure that each Life Member Group holds the required number of meetings.

    g) Industry Engagement – no report

    h) MGA Excess Funds – Project Updates

        Brian Page provided an update on the Innovate for Impact Student Competition which will be hosted by the Atlanta Section and funded by MGA, Region 3, the Atlanta Section and the Communications Society. The competition is open to all IEEE Student Members in Regions 1-7 and 9. Registration for the event will close on November 15. The regional competitions will take place on December 7 and the final competition will take place on December 9. Teams must identify a challenge in their region that must be solved using three of the following technologies: computing, communications, robotics, power, cybersecurity and AI.

    i) Innovation, Workforce and Research Conference – Aerospace and Defense

        Director Grigorian noted that IWRC will be coming to Region 3 in Huntsville in December.

7) Old Business - Review of Action Items from Last Meeting

    a) Director Grigorian called for all Sections having elections to submit nominating committee names during this election cycle. Area Chairs noted that many Sections are struggling to find candidates. There have also been issues with candidates running for multiple Section offices.

    b) Secretary Donohoe will send eNotices to Sections regarding collection of (1) 2024 Section budgets and (2) Region 3 Section events associated with the 140th Anniversary of IEEE.

8) New Business – There was no new business.

9) The next ExCom meeting will be held on Monday, November 25 from 8:00-10:00pm EST by Webex.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.