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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 several new volunteers recently who have requested information on how they can get more involved with the Section. I am following up with them.
- Three Richmond Section volunteers have started their STEM Outreach efforts with the XRP Robots that the Richmond Section received as part of the MGA/R3 grant. I am following up with one additional volunteer who had previously expressed interest.
- 150 XRP Robot Kits have now been distributed to 16 Sections in Region 3. Director Grigorian has authorized an additional \$500 to allow the Huntsville Section to get a second box of 5 robot kits. Chris Gunning of the Boise Section (R6) has also requested 2 XRP Robot Kits so that they can consider promoting this idea in their Section and Region. They will reimburse the Richmond Section for all the cost of the robots that they receive. Adding these two robots will also slightly reduce the cost of providing the 5 robots to the Huntsville Section.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- The Richmond Section launched the balloting phase of its Section elections. Voting will start on November 4.
- We have had several new volunteers recently who have requested information on how they can get more involved with the Section. I am following up with them.
- The VCU Student Branch held a soldering workshop on October 12th to teach students how to solder properly. They had over 30 people attend.
- The Richmond Chapter of the IEEE Computer Society hosted a talk from Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Adel Elmaghraby on "AI and Digital Transformation: Industry Driven Partnerships." The event was held on October 18th and twenty-eight other Sections, Chapters, Student Branches, and Student Branch Chapters joined as co-hosts for the event. Fifty-five people registered for the event.
- The Richmond Section is making plans to have a combination social event/resume review in November. Students will be able to mingle with professional members in an informal setting and also get feedback on their resumes from those members.

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