

To: Region 3 ExCom
Cc: Region 3 Committee
Fm: David Green, R3 SOSOC Chair
Dt: 28 October 2024 Meeting

1 Summary

1.1 Items Needing ExCom Action (if any)

1.2 Items Needing ExCom Discussion (if any)

1.3 Events or Activities Since Last ExCom Report (if any)

- SOSOC Meeting on 7 October 2024 (online)

1.4 Planned Near Future Events or Activities (if any)

- SOSOC Meeting on 4 November 2024 (online)

2 Announcements (if any)

2.1 Section Events or Activities (if any)

2.2 Area Events or Activities (if any)

2.3 Region 3 Events or Activities (if any)

Using the proposed format from OAC Chair Gregg Vaughn. This [link](#) has a Google Docs template that I made which might be a useful starting point.

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 SOSOC 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.

2.4 IEEE-USA Events or Activities (if any)

2.5 IEEE Events or Activities (if any)

3 Committee Report Detail

3.1 Items Needing ExCom Action (if any)

3.2 Items Needing ExCom Discussion (if any)

3.3 Events or Activities Since Last ExCom Report (if any)

The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) met on 07 October 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to improve volunteer assignment documentation for some positions in the Region 3 Operations Manual where information is outdated, weak, or missing.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 is also 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.

3.4 Planned Future Events or Activities

1. 2024-11-04 SOSC Meeting (online)
2. 2024-12-02 SOSC Meeting (online)
3. 2024-12-07 Participate in Regin 3 Planning Meeting (Charlotte, NC)

3.5 Goals

1. Update Region 3 Operations Manual (in progress)
2. Document more fully other R3 appointed positions to assist N&A and the incoming Director (in progress)
3. Update R3 Financial Information in coordination with Treasurer/FinCom (in progress)
4. Provide mentoring (ongoing)
5. Provide a forum for strategic and operational discussions to support Director (ongoing)
6. Assist in the establishment of IEEE Region 3 James H. Graham Cybersecurity Scholarship
 - a. R3 Awards Committee now has lead and key responsibility

Appendix (if needed)