

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 you are all doing well and are looking forward to the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. I wish you all the best and hope your safe travels during the Holidays. Our members in the Region are still trying to recover from the aftermath of the Helene & Milton and we wish them a speedy recovery as they put their lives together. Apparently, there are some areas within the affected area that still don't have any clean running water or electricity.

As indicated before, 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 MOVE volunteers that actively supported the disaster. MOVE-3 is on its way back to Region 6 and MOVE-1 & MOVE-2 are undergoing maintenance in preparation for upcoming STEM events and potential support for any unforeseen disasters.

During the month, I have been engaging with various Section nomination committees as they are actively working on 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. I urge you to seek out and identify potential new members that we can recruit in various leadership roles in the sections, chapters, and even at region level. I am getting many requests for single ballot approvals, and I can't believe that we are not able to identify and recruit other folks to become active in supporting the local events and sections. For the Region, we are also looking for some energetic and connected individual that can join the Industry Engagement Committee.

In mid-November, Eta Kappa Nu Student Leadership Conference was hosted in Charlotte, NC, with our own James Conrad as the Conference Chair. The event was very successful with students from all regions participating. From section point of view, we need to take care of these enthusiastic student leaders as the next generation of volunteers in our sections. During the month, I have also been working with IEEE-USA on finalizing details on IWRC in Aerospace and Defense. The agenda for the event is coming together well as we have confirmed participation by DoD, NASA's Marshal Space Flight Center, NSF, ARFL, and academia.

I also just returned from the IEEE BoD Meeting series. The big news for our region is that our own Jill Gostin was down-selected as one of the two candidates that will appear in next year's ballot for 2026 IEEE President-Elect slate. Atlanta Section was also well represented by Tamseel as the Section received the best Large Section Award. The meeting series included quite a bit of discussions on the upcoming budgeting process, 2025-2030 IEEE Strategy, and host of other new initiatives and products. During the BoD Series, I was also able to work with the Region 9 Director to resolve some of the minor points on CaribCon so that we can finalize the MOU between Region 3 & Region 9.

Our region's newsletter for fourth quarter of the year is also scheduled for release in early December. I would like all Region 3 committee members, Area Chairs, and section leaders to submit their year in review details, including any special activities that they may have hosted for IEEE's 140th celebration, including IEEE Day. 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! Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

Regards,

Eric Grigorian
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