

To: IEEE Region 3 Executive Committee
From: IEEE Region 3 Conference Committee
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RE: Conference Committee Report to Executive Committee

The Conference Committee welcomes new member Binesh Kumar, who is the new Industry Engagement Coordinator for Region 3. Additional changes to the committee for 2026 include the “departure” of the 2023 general conference chair position and the inclusion of the to-be-named 2027 general conference chair.

In January, the committee has been focused on the successful execution of IEEE SoutheastCon 2025, which will be held from March 27 to 30, 2025, in Concord, NC at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa. This includes partnering with the local organizing committee on originating and capturing exhibitors and patrons for the conference and execution planning. Members of the committee will be meeting with hotel staff on January 31, 2025, at the property for additional planning and walkthrough.

Region 3 ExCom and section representative should register for IEEE SoutheastCon 2025 by February 21, 2025, at <https://ieeesoutheastcon.regfox.com/southeastcon-2025-in-person-registration>. Please note that we are currently having issues with accepting American Express credit cards. Please feel free to use a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card when registering for the conference.

In addition, Region 3 ExCom and section representatives should reserve a hotel room at <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/flexibledates/?ctyhocn=CLTCCES&arrivalDate=2025-03-27&departureDate=2025-03-30&groupCode=968&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>. This website will automatically search for a 3-night stay beginning on the date you choose to check in. If you need to modify the stay, please do so before clicking on the check-in date.

Reimbursement for the conference and hotel is subject to the IEEE Region 3 travel policy.

The committee has also been communicating with the Finance Committee regarding the endorsement of the host organizational unit for IEEE SoutheastCon 2027. The committee will bring this up as part of the action agenda for the Region 3 ExCom as well.

The committee is working on a section conference planning template to be used by Region 3 sections to plan a half-day or day-long local conference. This template is targeted to be ready for consumption by Region 3 section at IEEE SoutheastCon 2025. If your section is interested in hosting a local conference, please reach out to Joe Juisai for more information. The committee has a target of having at least 5 sections run a local conference in the 2nd half of 2025.

The committee is exploring new tools from IEEE Conferences, Events & Experiences (“IEEE CEE”) to see if we can ease the burden of registration and membership lookup for our flagship conferences.

While we are concluding the selection activities for IEEE SoutheastCon 2027, we are spinning up the selection activities for IEEE SoutheastCon 2028 and 2029. Our internal goal is to have host organizational units selected during this calendar year. If your organizational unit is interested in hosting IEEE SoutheastCon 2028 or 2029, please reach out to the committee for more information on submitting a proposal.

Finally, Region 3 and Region 9 approved a memorandum of understanding to jointly sponsor the IEEE Technical Caribbean Conference (IEEE CaribCon). The target is for the first conference to be held in 2026 in a Region 3 section and alternating between a Region 3 and Region 9 section annually going forward. If you are a Region 3 section adjacent to the Caribbean Sea and are interested in running the first IEEE CaribCon, please reach to Joe Juisai for additional information.

Finally, thank you to the volunteers of the IEEE Region 3 Conference Committee and IEEE Region 3 for your support over the last 12 months.

Respectfully submitted,

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