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Dt: January 27, 2025 Meeting

1 Summary

1.1 Items Needing ExCom Action (if any) - None

1.2 Items Needing ExCom Discussion (if any) - None

1.3 IWRCs in Huntsville, AL December 3 - 4, 2024

DE participated in the DOD RoundTable at GTRI, and the Innovation, Workforce and Research Conference (IWRC) Aerospace and Defense Summit. DE met bi-weekly with the IWRCs planning team to discuss registration status, agenda, and updates to the program.

1.4 R3 Planning Meeting in Charlotte, NC on December 7, 2024

Area Chairs will meet to plan their 2025 Goals during our planning meeting. Director-Elect to plan the schedule for the upcoming SoutheastCon 2025, and updated the 2025 Goals #1, #3 and #5 to better align with the current Director's vision for Region 3. Submitted updates to David Green.

1.5 IEEE Region 6, Rising Stars Conference in Las Vegas, NV on January 3 - 5, 2025.

Director-Elect attended to observe the how this student conference is run and made connections with the Alabama Section, and IEEE HQ Foundation. Scheduled some POCs for our upcoming SoutheastCon 2025.

1.6 Section Vitality Call, virtual meeting on January 8, 2025

Area Chair Alessio Medda and DE met virtually with the current Section Chair of the Columbia Section, to discuss the current elections status and path forward to getting the vTools elections process initiated. Further communications will include setting up a Section Vitality Meeting (SVM) with members and the next elected Chair of this Section. Alessio plans to invite YPs, WIE, and LMAG to this social and re-invigorating event, hopefully to be implemented in 2Q2025.

1.7 IEEE TryEngineering virtual meeting on January 8, 2025.

DE met with TryEngineering Dawna J. Schultz in IEEE HQ. Partnership with the Alabama Transportation on sharing of STEM modules on their website. Scheduled a follow-up meeting to discuss reviewing and launching the educational content.

1.8 Section Vitality Call, virtual meeting on January 10, 2025

Area Chair Alessio Medda and DE met virtually with the current Section Chair, Nancey Tsai of the Coastal South Carolina Section to discuss the current elections status and

path forward to getting the vTools elections process initiated. Also discussed planning a SVM for the near future.

1.9 FinCom Meeting, virtual on January 14, 2025. DE attended and voted to accept the recommendations as given by the FinCom chair.

2 Announcements

2.1 Alabama Regional Future City Competition in Auburn, AL January 25, 2025.

This event was hosted by the IEEE Huntsville Section on the campus of Auburn University, College of Engineering. Currently, 23 teams participated in the competition, and the winning team was Austin Junior High School, from Decatur, AL. Director-Elect attended and helped run logistics for the competition as the Alabama Regional Co-Coordinator.

2.2 Area Events or Activities (if any) - Student Initiative at AAMU on January 27, 2025. DE attended a student IEEE informational session to encourage joining the IEEE Student Chapter at AAMU in Huntsville, AL. Over thirty students came to hear 3 speakers and upcoming events from the student section. This was a successful event and highly encourage other sections to reach out to their local student chapters to promote the IEEE.

2.3 Region 3 Events or Activities (if any) - None

2.4 IEEE Board Meeting Series from February 12 - 17th, 2025 in Bellevue, Washington.

2.5 IEEE Vision Innovation Challenges Summit (VIC) in Tokyo, Japan on April 23 - 25, 2025. This is an awards and Honors Ceremony. Director-Elect to represent Region 3 at this event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonya Dillard