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Updated: Add Thomas Bellarmine to attendees

Updated: Six items based on note from Director McClure.

Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 MEETING

29 October 2006

Georgia Power Center

Atlanta, GA

Attendees: Eric S. Ackerman*, Chase Battaglio, James H. Beall, Thomas Bellarmine, Hugh Blanton*, David Bower*, Charles H. Chapman*, Stephen Carroll*, William B. Clayton, James Conrad*, Jim Corr*, Gable R. Costello*, Sabrina DeJoannis, Dennis Dice*, Robert S. Duggan, Jr., Joey A. Duvall, David Eaton*, Devon Gayle*, David G. Green*, Adeeb Hamzey*, Regina Hannemann*, Qiana Harder, Roy H. Harris, William Harrison*, Sean A. R. Haynes, Charles E. Hickman*, Donald W. Hill, James M. Howard*, Carl L. Hussey*, Steve Karlovic*, Puesh Kumar, William LaBelle*, Roger Lawrence*, Russ Lefevre, Joe Lillie, Allan H. Long*, Charles J. Lord*, William S. Marshall, IV, George F. McClure*, Osama Mohammed*, Halden Morris, Bahman S. Motlagh, George O'Neill, Fred Orland, Jane Owen*, Greg Ozbun*, Mary Ellen Randall, William B. Ratcliff*, Jim Remich, Richard L. Riddle, Wilfred A. Roberts*, Michael Rollins*, David C. Schoggen*, Percy F. Shadwell*, Suman C. Shah, Lee Stogner*, Albert William Tiedemann, Lew Terman, Ravi Todi, John Vig, Edmond Wescott, Adam Wofford*, Wei Zhao* (* → voting members)

The Region 3 meeting was held at the Georgia Power Center in downtown Atlanta, GA on 29 October 2006. The following relate to the agenda items and define any actions taken. Region Director George McClure and Director-elect William Ratcliff conducted the meeting. The IEEE President-Elect candidates and the IEEE-USA President-Elect candidates made presentations to the group prior to the Region meeting. The group held planning activities around the Region 3 Initiatives prior to the Region meeting.

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 8:00am, and introductions were made.
- 2. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as submitted.**
- 3. Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved:
 - a. Approval of minutes of its 1-2 April 2006 meeting,
 - b. Receipt of the Region Committee reports listed in the Information Agenda.
- 4. Officer Reports:** No additional information beyond the written reports for 4a, 4b, 4c. Treasurer Charles Hickman reviewed the attendance of the meeting: twenty-five section chairs, twenty-four ExCom members, and fourteen other attendees for a total of sixty-three. Lee Stogner and Jim Howard explained their request for \$10K for 2007 and the group discussed membership initiatives for 2007. Charles Hickman reviewed the 2006 actual budget status and the present developing budget for 2007. Bill Harrison noted that he has begun working with his N&A Committee to develop the nominees for Director-elect 2008-9 (who would then serve as Director 2010-2011.)
- 5. Action Items: (none)**
- 6. Discussion and Information Items**
 - a. **SPC Chair** Dick Riddle presented plans to modify the Bylaws and Operations Manual of the Region to
 - i. Remove the membership of the FinCom from being listed in the Bylaws (and moving it to the Operations Manual)
 - ii. Add two ex-officio members to the FinCom (Secretary and Conference Chair)

- iii. Revise the voting members of the Region Committee (adding Membership Development Committee Chair, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, and Communications Committee to the committee (and removing the Student Representative to bring consistency with GOLD, WIE, Life Members, etc.).
- iv. Revise the structure of the ExCom
Rename the recurring ad hoc committees to be called standing committees such that the committees would be
 - 1. Awards and Recognition
 - 2. Communications Committee
 - a. Electronic Communication Systems Coordinator
(rename position)
 - b. Newsletter Editor
 - c. Public Information
 - d. Webmaster
 - 3. Conference
 - a. Southcon Dir – Sr.
 - b. Southcon Dir – Jr.
 - c. SoutheastCon – Immediate past chair
 - d. SoutheastCon – present chair
 - e. SoutheastCon – Immediate Future chair
 - f. SoutheastCon – next immediate future chair
 - 4. Educational Activities
 - 5. Membership Development
 - a. Life Members Regional Coordinator
 - b. GOLD
 - c. Industrial Relations
 - 6. Professional Activities
 - a. SPAC Coordinator
 - b. Employment Assistance
 - 7. Strategic Planning
 - a. Special Projects
 - b. Special Review
 - 8. Student Activities
 - a. Student Representative
 - 9. Finance Committee
 - 10. Audit
 - 11. Nominations and Appointments
 - 12. Leadership Development and Regional Support
 - a. Archive Management
 - b. Help Desk
 - c. Section/Chapter Rejuvenation

Dick Riddle conducted a straw vote and received a positive response. With this presentation, the sixty day clock will start and an e-mail vote will be conducted.

A copy of this information will be distributed to all sections by e-mail today.

7. (Selected) Committee Reports:

a. Communications Committee – Bill Clayton, Chair

Bill noted that the Region 3 Volunteer blog test bed was in operation at <http://ieeer3.blogspot.com>. Public Information Chair David Bower reviewed resources available to sections for doing local publicity.

b. Conference Committee – Don Hill, Chair

Proposals for 09, 10 are in works. Jim Beall reports that no SouthCon is planned for 2007.

SoutheastCon 2007 will be in Richmond, VA on 23-25 March 2007. Co-chairs Adeeb Hamzey and Sean Haynes updated the group on plans. Bill Tiedemann reviewed the contents of the conference web site (<http://southeastcon.org/2007/>). SoutheastCon 2008 will be in the Embassy Suites and Van Braun Center in Huntsville, AL on 4-6 April 2008. Eight members of the planning committee attended this meeting.

Proposals are being developed for SoutheastCon 2009 and 2010.

c. Membership Development Committee – Lee Stogner

Lee Stogner noted that several sections still need to appoint Section MD chairs.

d. Professional Activities Organization – Adeeb Hamzey, Chair

He reviewed the work of the PACE committee over the weekend on a needs assessment and an action plan resulting from the meeting. Thomas Bellarmine, chair of the Government Activities Committee, briefed the group on upcoming legislation to the group and offered to plug members into the Government Activities Council. He would like to find liaison members in each state to pass along alerts about state legislation that could affect engineers to IEEE-USA.

8. Area/Council/Section Issues/Ad Hoc Committees (not yet covered):

Area 1 / Virginia Council Chair Adeeb Hamzey invited everyone to SoutheastCon 2007 in Richmond.

Area 2 / North Carolina Council Chair Charles Lord announced “Career Survival for Engineers and Scientists in the 21st Century” on November 11, 2006 and “Leadership Development – Pass It On” in January 2007.

Area 4 / Florida Council – Joey Duvall reported that their chair had been in an accident and was recovering at home. 2007 will be the 30th anniversary of the Florida Council. Tallahassee will hold its 25th anniversary in 2007. Several sections highlighted their upcoming events as well as approaches to promoting interactions with students.

Area 5 / Tennessee Council – David Bower reported on behalf of the chair. He reviewed the structure of the council and their council meeting on 28 October 2006. He recognized Dr. Hugh Blanton, Vice Chair of Tri-Cities Section, a section being rejuvenated. The Memphis section brought a SoutheastCon 2006 summary report.

Area 9 Chair Devon Gayle reported on their local SPAC. 2007 is the 30th anniversary of the Section.

GOLD Chair Joey Duvall reported that there are now 7 GOLD affinity groups in Region 3. She reported that the online meetings sponsored by the GOLD Committee that have been very well attended.

9. Region 3 Initiatives

Bill Ratcliff summarized the activities of the weekend relative to the new initiatives.

10. Old Business:

No old business identified.

11. New Business:

No new business identified.

12. Date and Location of Next Meeting:

The Region 3 Committee will also meet 23-25 March 2007 in conjunction with SoutheastCon 2007 in Richmond, Virginia.

13. Adjournment:

After a few closing remarks by George McClure, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Green
Region 3 Secretary