



# IEEE Region 3



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## Sections Congress 2023

As Summer approaches, I hope you are healthy and enjoying the warmer weather. I want to thank the Orlando team, led by Joe Juisai, for a very successful SoutheastCon 2023. It was a delight to see so many of you face-to-face again, and we couldn't be happier about the number of students who joined us for the various competitions. I know that the [SoutheastCon 2024](#) team is hard at work preparing for next year's meeting in Atlanta. I hope to see you there. The [VIC Summit](#) was held in Atlanta earlier this month, and Region 3 joined with the Atlanta Section to sponsor the event.



*Theresa Brunasso,  
Director, Region 3*

It's time to focus on [Sections Congress](#), which will be held in Ottawa, Canada in August. Each Section should have a delegate selected to attend. The Congress is a great opportunity for attendees to network, learn and collectively shape the future of IEEE with members from around the world. This face-to-face meeting is held every three years, and has included locations like Amsterdam and Sydney. If you aren't selected to attend, I hope you use the opportunity to ask your Section delegate to gather ideas from other Sections to help you. As in years past, Region 3 will hold a meeting before the Congress starts. Director-Elect Grigorian and I are working on the agenda. He and I are heading to Chicago, IL for the Board Series meetings in the middle of June, and we hope to finalize the agenda there.

I want to congratulate the Richmond Section, which has been approved and funded by the Region to support a Climate Change project led by Dr. Radhika Barua, Chair of the Richmond Section Magnetics/Engineering in Medicine and Biology Joint Chapter, and two of her graduate

students developing a system that will use the magnetocaloric effect to vastly improve the energy efficiency of heat pump water heaters and to do so in a way that avoids the use of high global warming potential refrigerants. I hope you will consider running a Climate Change project in your Section. It can bring a Section team together, and help solve a problem that affects us all. The Region will provide matching funds. If you are interested, please contact [Allen Jones](#).

I've been happy to see that more Sections have been approved to start new chapters, student branches, and affinity groups. I encourage you to start the [petition](#) process if you'd like to see a new group in your Section.

I wish you a happy, healthy summer and as always, I thank for all you do for IEEE.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Brunasso  
IEEE R3 Director

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## The Value of Sections Congress to IEEE Members

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It is my tremendous honor this year, as the IEEE Vice President - Member and Geographic Activities, to welcome our IEEE volunteers from around the globe to Sections Congress 2023. Through the congress, we aspire to create an environment for all the delegates to explore how IEEE can better serve its members, both now and going forward. Sections Congress is an opportunity to empower and engage our volunteers, so that they can return to their local area and **bring renewed ideas, energy, and excitement to the local activities provided to members!** Every Section around the world has the opportunity to send one Primary Section Delegate (PSD) to Sections Congress. Many Sections have found it to be so worthwhile that they send additional volunteers who are potentially the future leaders of IEEE!

There is also a responsibility that comes with serving as the PSD. Each of the 10 regions was asked to submit three achievable, concise, and globally relevant recommendations (3 submitted per region), all related to the Sections Congress 2023 theme Enabling Leaders to Build a Sustainable Future. These recommendations are suggested **additions or changes to IEEE's offerings, to enhance or improve the member's or volunteer's experience.** MGA has gathered those recommendations from the 10 Regions that span the globe. At Sections Congress, the PSDs will vote to select the top 3 recommendations. MGA will then empower a committee to begin assessing the selected recommendations to see if and how they can be implemented. **The recommendations and also the suggestions and ideas generated at Sections Congress have had a major impact on the plans**

**made by the IEEE leadership for the future of IEEE.**

IEEE is working hard this year to showcase Climate Change efforts across multiple parts of IEEE. This is also helping bring together similar efforts to provide better collaboration, shared resources, and more visibility into all the work that is going on across IEEE. This Climate Change focus ties in well with the Sections Congress theme of Enabling Leaders to Build a Sustainable Future. We are **working to help local units become involved (or expand their involvement) in climate change activities**, and to perhaps join in on efforts that are already underway. At Sections Congress, ideas for such local activities will be shared through key note addresses, breakout sessions, and via a large Climate Change pavilion in the Exhibits Hall.

I hope that the volunteers that participate in Sections Congress will be energized as they return to your Section, ready, willing, and able to implement new and exciting activities! Perhaps this will also inspire others of you to become a volunteer and make a difference in your own local community, utilizing your technical knowledge and skills alongside other IEEE members to make an impact on our world.

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IEEE Sections Congress will be held in the Shaw Centre, Ottawa, Canada, 11-13 August 2023.

*Cyber Florida Grant*  
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 Florida West Coast Section

In the Florida West Coast Section, the Florida Polytechnic University Student Chapter has seen a major revitalization in the last six months due to the help of Chair Aedan Casey. Aedan has helped the chapter rise from the ashes and host numerous events, meetings, and tours, including the visit to local power grid installations. In addition, the Student Branch completed a Cyber Florida Grant that enabled a speaker series of industry experts on cyber security topics and training of students on cybersecurity in engineering. In addition, Polytechnic launched a new Computer Society student

chapter led by Zane Wolfe the interim president and the chapter advisor being Dr. Oguzhan Topsakal. A lot is planned for the year ahead for Florida Polytechnic University as the Student Branch grows and launches additional IEEE Society Chapters in the coming year.







*WIE and Young Professionals*  
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In December 2022, Ammara Mehd Ghani, Vice Chair of Florida West Coast Section's IEEE Women in Engineering (WiE) & Young Professional (YP) affinity groups, attended and participated in two IEEE WiE events hosted by universities in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The first event "Women in Tech Talk Show" was held on December 4, 2022 and was hosted by FAST University. Ammara participated in a Q&A with students geared towards motivating female engineering students. She discussed why she chose engineering, what challenges she faced in university and her career, how she managed those challenges, and navigating a healthy work-life balance!



Pandemic brought lots of challenges including social distancing, losing loved ones, layoffs, businesses declaring bankruptcy, and other negative circumstances but what was unexpected in that



chaotic environment were the opportunities out there. It took a while for everyone to understand the disease and how to manage the problems associated with it. There were many new businesses that became popular and people got used to the new norm.



The second event was a "WIE Talks" seminar, held on December 15, 2022, and was hosted by the IEEE WiE NUST section. This seminar invited esteemed female speakers to share their experiences, aiming to inspire a future generation of women in tech.

Ammara spoke on Post Pandemic Opportunities for Women in Tech. The





Ammara's talk focused on the opportunities which were created during the pandemic and how it is very beneficial for women in tech specifically to maintain a great work life balance.

## IEEE Florida West Coast STEM

### Explorer Festival Event

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STEM Champion/RAS Chair);

Dr. John Grant (IEEE Senior Member);

Emma Alaba (Robofest Chair and RAS Photographer)

After bestowing the title of STEM Ambassador, the IEEE elevated my appointment as STEM Champion. The Florida West Coast Section Executive Committee (EXCOM) members supported my efforts and posted in the Signal Newsletter. I did the first Energy Event on September 1, 2022 with Dr. Sidney Martin and FWCS PES IAS Society. Through the power of communication, it caught the attention of Dr. Catherine Mullins, Pinellas County Schools STEM Director for the Second event: STEM Explorer Fest at Largo Central Park on January 21, 2023.

**Touch-a-Truck!**  
10am-2pm

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We announced it through V-Tools and the Signal Newsletter to invite those who wished to participate. The FWCS Treasurer loaned me the IEEE FWCS Table cloth and flags on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The next morning, I arrived at 8 am to the Largo Cultural Center. I checked in, received a new T-

## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

### Suggested Topics

- Leadership Development
- Empowerment
- Entrepreneurship
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Retention
- Mental Wellness
- Financial Management
- Young Professionals and Early Career
- Career Management and Transitions
- Degrees, Certifications, and P.E. Licenses
- Personal Brand and Effective Communication

### SUBMISSION DETAILS

- Presenters are responsible for their own travel expense & registration
- Deadline for all submissions: Jun 28, 2023

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shirt and met Dr. Catherine Mullins. Volunteers helped me set two tables for my booth. I laid out the IEEE table cloth and flags and taped them down because it was windy. I displayed extra back issues of IEEE Spectrum Magazine.



On the way back to the Cultural Center for doughnuts and juice, I had the pleasure meeting Nicole Stott, International Space Station Astronaut who lives in Clearwater. She was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Tampa Bay Engineers Week Banquet on February 16<sup>th</sup>. I also greeted teachers whom I had worked before with Robotics and Teacher In Service including Rose Mack, Dan Kinzer, and Dr. Sidney Martin.

The STEM Explorer Fest ran from 10am to 1pm. I shared the IEEE Booth with Robofest Chair Emma Alaba and IEEE Professor Dr. John Grant during the STEM Festival

Emma Alaba invited our guests to participate in the next Regional Competition in Oldsmar on March 25, 2023 and distributed left-over 2017 World Championship Robofest shirts.



I talked about why the IEEE is the biggest Professional International Organization, why we support computer networking standards and STEM education through the TryEngineering.org Website.



Regardless of whether or not a Student, Teacher, or Parent stopped by our booth, I was able to explain the advantages of searching the newly improved TryEngineering.com Website. I remember there was about 20 lesson plans in 2005 including Ohm's Law, Motor Controllers, and

Building Robot Arms, now there are a couple thousand. Volunteers can subscribe to get email updates and post their surveys or events. The Florida West Coast Section and Region 3 have accomplished a lot for STEM. A colleague of Dr. Sidney Martin, Dr. Judith Deeley agreed that STEM and Robotics do go together.



Dr. John Grant, and his grandson, Ethan Smith, did UV Light demonstrations with multi-color pipe cleaners and UV-Sensitive beads, allowing the children to make their own UV-detector bracelets. A lot of people came by to learn about the IEEE. Students would go by each booth participating in the demonstrations. We would sign the event flyer for their "passport." One family had a computer programmer for a father and the mother could build things. Emma said the children who inherit the skills really "got it made."



We collectively recruited for the FWCS & Robofest while doing TryEngineering demonstrations promoting Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics for Tampa Bay Education. We had a delightful time and each received a certificate of participation on the way home.

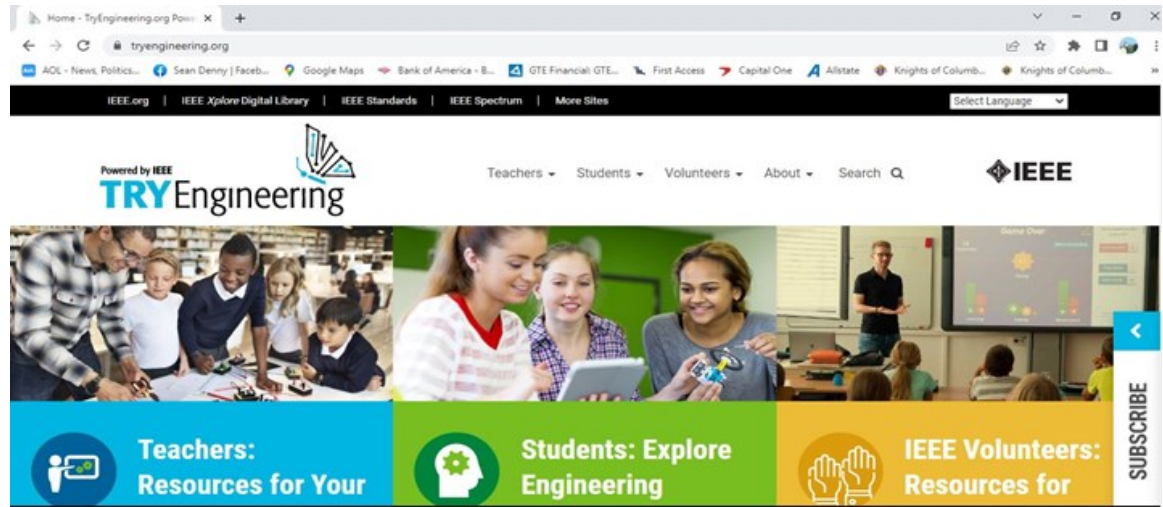
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Chair/Secretary, IEEE FWCS Robotics and Automation



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Thank you for participating in the



Saturday, January 21, 2023

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Catherine Mullins  
Secondary STEM Coordinator

*Charmaine Rushing*

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K-5 STEM Coordinator



## IEEE Florida West Coast

### AMROC Tour

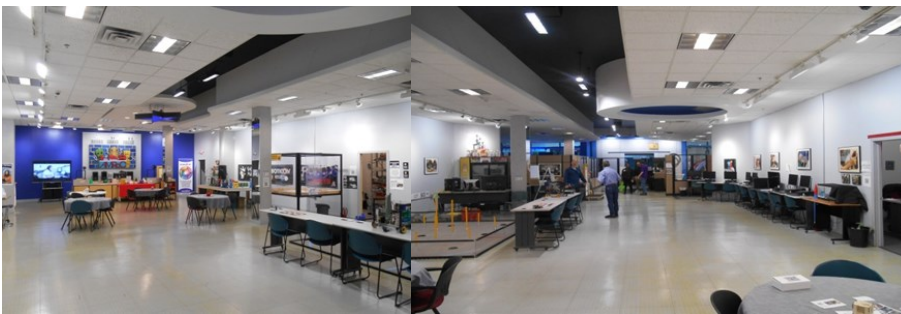
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STEM Champion/RAS Chair;

Theresa Willingham (AMROC Director)



I have worked with another STEM Champion in Tampa Bay, Theresa “Terri” Willingham and her husband Steve since 2010. She was the head coach of the home-schooled FIRST Robotics Team “Team Duct Tape” with their son. Later, they re-designed the old computer center at the John F Germany Library in Downtown Tampa and converted into “The Hive.” The IEEE FWCS Robotics and Automation Society (RAS) Chapter made our temporary home from 2014-2019 with monthly meetings to discuss robotics and host student robotics teams doing demonstrations.

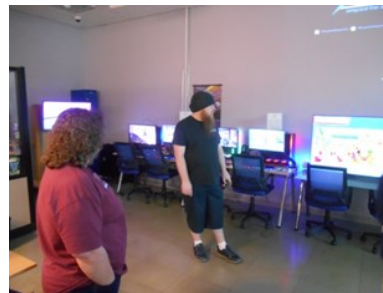


Just before the Pandemic of 2020, they took over an old shoe store at University Mall near the USF Tampa Campus. It was converted into the AMROC FabLab, **Advanced Manufacturing & Robotics Center** (AMRoC) is a program of the nonprofit **Foundation for Community Driven Innovation** (FCDI). They are participants at

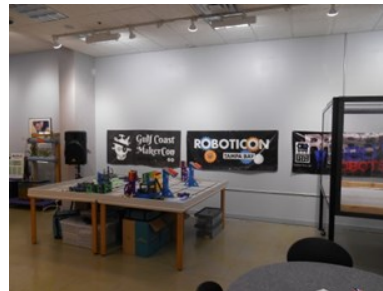
the annual Gulf Coast Maker Con and Roboticon Tampa Bay. Terri Willingham was recently interviewed about her fantastic background and the web-link can be found at: <http://voyagetampa.com/interview/edit-values-check-out-terri-willinghams-story>.



I was invited to come to University Mall on January 27<sup>th</sup> for the AMROC Tour. University Mall fell on hard times and most retail stores were gone. I found a group of tech leaders from Soaring City Innovation



Partnership at the LT3 Lab in the center of the Mall. I introduced myself and what I do for the IEEE FWCS at STEM Champion



and RAS Chair. The owner of the LT3 Lab said the 50 year old shopping mall is starting to get re-vitalized with new Educational Centers and some retained retail centers. I filmed Terri giving an overview presentation on the AMROC.

We went over the AmRoc center. There is a Video-gaming center, Drone Field, Sewing Machine Center, Laser Printers, and Robot Construction spaces. Steve Willingham showed me a few “robot arenas” that some students have built. Terri said one of her former volunteers developed a Raspberry Pi



Kit and has storage of a lot of kits. Another volunteer flew a drone around the room by remote control.

Terri invites us to the following: “**February 9-20th, we're hosting [STEAMFest at the Florida State Fair](#)**, where there will be lots to see and do, from robotics, to drones, to 3D printing, and more. Our next robotics event here will be March 4 when we host a FIRST Robotics Competition scrimmage in the mall. Our website calendar and events section should be fully updated this week so you can easily send people to it to see what's going on when and how to get involved -<https://amroctampabay.com/calendar/>”

I would recommend a tour of the AMROC for anyone.



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### *Senior Membership for Sections* Andrew Seely [andrew.seely@ieee.org](mailto:andrew.seely@ieee.org) R3 Florida West Coast Section

Region 3 has a vibrant Senior Membership activity, outpacing all other regions with respect to achieving annual goals for member elevation. In 2023 the Admissions and Advancement Committee set a goal of 220 new Senior Members for Region 3, with an estimated almost 16,000 eligible members, a goal of 1.39%, a number we will easily surpass and likely double this year.

Outreach and education for our eligible members are key to meeting goals, but the goal of elevating a specific number of members is secondary to the true benefit of increased member engagement with IEEE's opportunities. Every section in Region 3 is busy, working to create and maintain the structure and framework of IEEE for section members, and sometimes Senior Membership is not a focus. Senior Membership itself is pretty straightforward – 10 years professional experience, 5 years significant performance, 3 endorsements – but outreach, education, and coordination of a Senior Membership drive can be daunting.

To better support sections in membership retention and Senior Member development, the Region 3 Section Support Committee's Senior Membership Coordinator team has developed by-section metrics and contact lists, OU Analytics analysis tools, and detailed process guides to support recruiting and education of Senior Member candidates, and nomination and elevation of new Senior Members for each section.

Please contact your Region 3 Senior Membership Coordinator, Andrew Seely [andrew.seely@ieee.org](mailto:andrew.seely@ieee.org), for support or to get more involved with Senior Membership activities in Region 3.

## *Advancing Technology for Humanity*

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Chair, IEEE Richmond Section

Region 3 periodically offers grants to Sections to reimburse groups of IEEE members for projects that encourage engagement and collaboration and that involve a theme that illustrate IEEE's commitment to "Advancing Technology for Humanity." The theme that Region 3 chose for projects in 2022 and 2023 was climate change. Sections were given the opportunity to receive grants of up to \$1000 to cover projects that addressed some aspect of climate change including, but not limited to:

- Projects to measure the effects of Climate Change.
- Projects to avoid Climate Change.
- Projects to adapt to Climate Change.
- Projects to remediate Climate Change.

The Orlando Section's Valencia College team (IEEE Student Members Daniel Eisenbraun and Ian Matheson supervised by IEEE Senior Member Dr. Masood Ejaz) recently completed work on their "Solar-Powered Ventilation with Controlled Airflow for Parked Automobiles" project.

The project was funded through the 2022 round of Region 3 climate change project grants.

Their project seeks to remove the excess heat from vehicles that are parked in direct sunlight by using fans. The fans are powered by the car's battery whose charge is maintained by solar panels. The fans are controlled by a microprocessor that monitors the temperature and battery voltage and adjusts the fans, as necessary. Cooling the vehicle with this approach makes the vehicle more comfortable when the driver get back in their car, while also reducing the energy usage that would otherwise be encountered when first trying to cool the vehicle by running the air conditioner at full and/or by initially driving with the windows open. Their approach could be integrated with existing systems in new cars or added to older cars as an add-on.

You can find a copy of their report with more details at <https://bit.ly/solar-auto-vent> or <https://deisenbraun.wixsite.com/senior-design-2022>. If you would like more information on Region 3 project funding, you can contact [r3-projects@ieee.org](mailto:r3-projects@ieee.org).





## Florida West Coast Section PES / IAS Joint Chapter Awards

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The Florida West Coast honored two of its members with Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition for their valued services and contributions to the IEEE Power & Energy Society / Industry Applications Society and the Florida West Coast Section.

**Robert DeMelo** has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Florida (Go Bulls!). Robert has been in the power industry for over 16 years assuming various roles in transmission planning, system stability, system protection and control, transmission rates, transmission tariffs and agreements, and transmission services.

Robert is currently the Senior Manager of Transmission Services for Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Tampa, FL where he is responsible for an annual transmission services budget of over \$180 million, oversees transmission reliability, and the development of strategic projects. Robert is an active member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Florida West Coast Section (FWCS) and currently serves as Chair of the Power & Energy Society/

Industry Applications Society (PES/IAS) chapter.

**Claude V. Pitts, PMP** has 40 years of Utility Operational, Application Engineering and Subject Matter Expertise in Power System Protection and Control (P&C), DER/ Microgrid, Substation, Field Automation, SCADA Engineering Applications and is a Project

Management Professional. Claude is currently working with Bridge Source Utility Solutions as ADMS Sr. Architect – Practice Lead as an advisor to several major utilities.

Claude has been an active member of IEEE and is a Senior Member. Claude was recognized as Florida West Coast Power and Energy Society Outstanding Engineer in 2012 and is Chair Emeritus of the Florida Council. Claude is Past Chair of the Florida West Coast Section, Past Chair of the FWCS Power & Energy Society/ Industrial Applications Society, Past Chair of the Florida Council and served IEEE Region 3 as Area 4 Chair and as Life Members Coordinator. Claude served as IBEW Council U8 -682 Chief Steward. Claude is currently serving as Treasurer to Florida West Coast Section and member of the Tampa Bay Engineering Week Banquet Committee.

### Upcoming IEEE Award Events and Deadlines:

- Standards Association Board Awards (July 31):  
<https://standards.ieee.org/about/awards/>
- IEEE USA Awards: 15 September 2023  
<https://ieeeusa.org/volunteers/awards-recognition/>
- Member and Geographic Activities (MGA) Awards: 15 October 2023  
<https://mga.ieee.org/awards>
- 2024 Region 3 Awards: 1 December 2023  
nominations open in July

*IEEE at the Atlanta Science Festival's  
Exploration Expo*  
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The Atlanta Science Festival's Exploration Expo was held on March 26, 2023, in Piedmont Park in Atlanta, Georgia. The Exploration Expo is the culminating event of the Atlanta Science Festival, an annual celebration of the world-class learning and STEM career opportunities in metro Atlanta for curious kids and adults at venues all across the region.

The Expo featured 91 hands-on interactive science booths and live science demonstrations from local organizations, universities, and companies. Festival-goers were able to control a robot with their brain, saw a Delta jet engine in person, and had a blast in the Curious Kids Zone sponsored by Region 3 and IEEE-Atlanta.

Visitors to our exhibit booth explored circuits by making a light up Robot lapel pin, constructed a marble maze, and completed the Three Little Pigs STEM

Challenge. Visitors to our mobile exhibit IEEE-USA's MOVE truck explored elementary generators, took a tour of the truck, and learned about all the types of engineers who made the MOVE truck from the ground up.



The Festival drew a large, diverse audience of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds, from professionals to novices, from science enthusiasts to the merely curious. It is estimated more than 35,000+ attended the Expo.





*Joint Networking  
Socials—with Student  
Chapters and Young  
Professionals*

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Region 3 Member

Communications Committee

On Saturday, April 4/8/2023, the IEEE Huntsville Section teamed up to host a Joint Social with Student Chapter at the University of North Alabama (UNA), in Florence, Alabama. We had a Bar-B-Que Luncheon which was provided by the IEEE Huntsville Section and the venue was provided by the University. Initially this social was supposed to be an outside picnic, but due to inclement weather we moved the location inside. There were 27 people registered and 25 attended the event. The invitation the attend was extended to other local universities, so there was also participation from the IEEE Student chapters of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and Alabama A&M University. The IEEE Huntsville Section plans to host a networking social on each of its local campuses to encourage communications and member engagement and collaboration between the neighboring universities.



asked to tell us more about their Chapter, here is his response: The Student Chapter was formed in 2020 during the pandemic, so we are really excited to finally be in-person and host live events for the students. The hope is to hold a function like this each semester to keep the students engaged and attract new students to join the IEEE. On average we have nearly 100 students enrolled in the BS in Engineering Technology program, along with 37 students enrolled in MS in Applied Manufacturing Engineering program at UNA. Currently, there are about



Attendees networking after lunch

We were able to interview their Founding Advisor, Dr. Ravi Gollapalli, and learn more about their Students there at UNA. When



Sonya Dillard, IEEE Huntsville Section—Past Chair and Region 3 Volunteer, along with Dr. Ravi Gollapalli Advisor for the UNA Student Chapter.



15 students in the IEEE Student Chapter. The student's goals for growth are to: 1. Continue the project and involvement to compete in the IEEE SoutheastCon 2023 Hardware competition (Robotics competition). We hope this provides the challenge and opportunity for students' overall growth as individuals, as well as growth as a team. 2. Compete in the NASA Lunar Rovers team – this will provide opportunity for more student involvement and growth.

When asked how the team did at the SoutheastCon and what was their goal to compete in the future, he stated, "Our Robotics Team was leading with top scores up until the semifinals, but lost in the competition round for entry to finals. They really learned a lot, and the student team has solid plans to compete in the future." This was an awesome interview and from the photos, you can easily see that this UNA event turned out to be a huge

success! 😊 *If you are interested in hosting an event like this, please contact your local Section Chair.*

Sonya Dillard testing out the Demo model.



The UNA Student Chapter team was able to display their robot design.



The UNA Dr. Ravi Gollapalli, Associate Professor at UNA, and Coordinator of the Electrical & Robotics Lab, serving a Bar-B-Que Lunch for attendees during the social event.



## *IEEE Region 3 Executive Committee – 2023*

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## *IEEE Region 3 Executive Committee – 2023 (cont.)*

### **Nominations and Appointments**

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