



## **IEEE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY NORTH AMERICAN REGION DIRECTOR**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Scott is a long-time, results-focused IEEE volunteer who is focused on making a difference for members of our profession and citizens of the broader community who enjoy the technological contributions of our profession. He currently serves as the Director, North American Region of the Communications Society and South Area Chair of the IEEE Region 5. He has served the IEEE in many leadership roles for over 48 years, most recently as South Area Chair of the IEEE Region 5 Excom Committee.

He received a BS Degree in Physics from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in 1961; in 1980, he received an MBA Degree in Management from Pepperdine University. He is retired from several organizations that include the U. S. Air Force, Lockheed Electronics Company at NASA Manned Spacecraft Center (Houston), Tenneco Inc (Houston) and the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) (San Antonio). Retiring in 1997 from corporate life, he began serving as a full time IEEE volunteer.

### **PARTIAL LIST OF HIS IEEE ACTIVITIES:**

#### COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

Chair, Geographic Unit Operations Support Committee (2012-3); Member, IEEE Life Members Committee (2008-9); Member, Communications Society Board of Governors (2007-9).

#### REGION 5:

Chair, South Area (2014-15); Chair, Awards (2007-9); Chair, Industry Relations (2006-7); Chair, Membership Development and Member Conferences Committee (2002-3),

#### SECTIONS/CHAPTERS:

Chair, Central Texas Section (2003); Chair, San Antonio Com/SP Joint Chapter (2012-15); Chair, Life Members Affinity Group San Antonio (2009-10); Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Publications Chair, and Vice Chair, Communications Society Chapter, Houston Section.

#### SOCIETIES:

Life Member of Communications, Computer and Technology Management Societies. He is now Director of the Communications Society North American Region.

#### CONFERENCES:

Communications Society: Executive Chair/CEO, Globecom 2014, 2,000+ attendees (2009-2014); Executive Chair/CEO, Globecom 2001 (1999-2001), 1,000+ attendees; Advisor, Engineering Management Society (2007); Advisor, Region 5 Annual Conference, San Antonio (2005).

#### OTHER (IEEE Membership & Awards):

- IEEE Member (1968-Present)
- IEEE Senior Member (1980-Present)
- IEEE Life Senior Member (2004-Present)
- IEEE REGION 5 OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD (2008, 2012)

- Special recognition by the “IEEE MGA Board” for services rendered to the IEEE as MGA Vice Chair, Geographic Unit Operations, 2012-2013.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Skilled and knowledgeable corporate manager, holding positions that included supervisory, managerial and executive levels.
- Effective results-oriented leader/manager of IEEE volunteer activities, including chapters, sections, regions and IEEE Board level organizations (Communications Society & MGA).
- Accomplished in managing and analyzing financial matters from budgets to Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports.
- Effectively manages complexity while working with diverse teams composed of staff and volunteers.
- An innovator – one who moves forward with new approaches.
- Works well with all levels of IEEE members (students, members, senior level executives) and geo units (from chapters, student branches, sections, sub-sections, region, IEEE-USA, MGA and TAB).
- Exemplary knowledge of IEEE Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, Financial Policies Manual, the MGA Operations Manual and the Region 5 By-Laws.
- My extensive experience as a volunteer over the past 48 years qualifies me for this position. I have a strong focus on achievement of the goals and vision of the IEEE.

#### **POSITION STATEMENT:**

- My focus will be to:
  - Position ComSoc North American Region as an highly effective and active Region.
  - Use IEEE financial skills and knowledge to posture the Region to better serve all IEEE members in the area of the Region.
  - Maintain active involvement in both the ComSoc Board, IEEE-USA and IEEE to ensure equal benefits to Region 5.
  - Encourage our local organizational units to focus on programs and activities that truly excite their current and potential members.
  - Implement rewards and recognition systems that promote programs and activities for our current and potential members.
  - Facilitate closer ties between ComSoc North American Region and other IEEE major organizational units (IEEE Regions 1-7) to ensure that all members can receive maximum benefit from their IEEE membership.
  - Maintain close communications with IEEE leaders in all major organizational units to ensure that the North American Region is addressing the future needs of IEEE.

#### **SOME SPECIFIC PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

- Hold more Region Industry Events/Workshops in chapters.
- Push more funding to Geo Chapters that provide more services to members.
- Develop more interaction with IEEE Societies in the NAR Region.
- Develop expanded and enhanced programs to increase interaction with industry/companies in the NAR Region.
- Enhance the organizational structure for Student Branch Chapters.
- Establish a member Upgrade Committee at the NAR region level to focus on upgrading members.