

IEEE ComSoc Latin America Region Regional Chapter Chairs Congress RCCC 2019

Salvador - Brazil, 14 - 15 Nov. 2019

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IEEE ComSoc LA Region Chapters

- Argentina
 - **Bahia**
 - Bolivia
 - Centro-Norte Brasil
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 - **Colombia**
 - Costa Rica
 - Ecuador
 - **El Salvador**
 - **Guadalajara**
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 - **Honduras**
 - Mexico
 - Monterrey
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 - **Nicaragua**
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 - Juan David Alvarado, Membership Development Committee (LAB-MDC)
 - Gidy Carolina Florez Navarro, Young Professional Coordinator
 - Araceli García Gómez, Student Activities
 - Pedro Aguilera, DLT and DSP Coordinator
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RCCC 2019 – Schedule (Nov. 14th)

- 09:00 – 09:30 – Welcome & Introductions
 - 09:30 – 10:00 – LA Region Report (Lisandro)
 - 10:00 – 10:30 – Awards and Best Practices for Chapters chairs (Jose David)
 - 10:30 – 11:00 – *Coffee Break*
 - 11:00 – 11:30 – Young Professional: Global Overview (Nury and Gidy)
 - 11:30 – 12:00 – Technical Activities: engagement, feedback and next steps (Joel)
 - 12:00 – 14:00 – *Lunch*
 - 14:00 – 14:30 – DLT Updates (Pedro Aguilera)
 - 14:30 – 15:00 – Membership Development (Juan David)
 - 15:00 – 15:30 – Global Communications Newsletter (Carlos Martínez)
 - 15:30 – 16:00 – *Coffee Break*
 - 16:00 – 16:30 – Social Networks Challenges and Progress (Esmeralda)
 - 16:30 – 17:00 – Communications Society Awards (Carlos Lozano)
 - 19:00 – 21:30 – *Dinner*
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RCCC 2019 – Schedule (Nov. 15th)

- 09:00 – 10:30 – Chapter Chair Reports (5 presentations) - 15min for each chair
 - 10:30 – 11:00 – *Coffee Break*
 - 11:00 – 12:00 – Chapter Chair Reports (3 presentations) - 15min for each chair
 - 12:00 – 14:00 – *Lunch*
 - 14:00 – 15:30 – Chapter Chair Reports (4 presentations) - 15min for each chair
 - 15:30 – 16:00 – *Coffee Break*
 - 16:00 – 17:00 – Closing Remarks + Group Photo
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Chapter Achievement (CAA) Award

Chapter of the Year (CoY) Award

- 2018
 - ◆ 3 applications
 - ◆ Winner: Bolivia
 - 2019
 - ◆ 1 application
 - ◆ Winner: Puebla
 - It is important to increase our engagement. Don't forget to apply
 - <https://www.comsoc.org/membership/chapters/chapter-resources>
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- Terms are of two years
 - The candidates for the next term (2020-2021) were:
 - ◆ Andres Navarro (Colombia)
 - ◆ Carlos Martínez (El Salvador)
 - ◆ Ignacio Enrique Zaldívar Huerta (Puebla)
 - ◆ Nury Gabriela Ramirez Cely (Ecuador) ← **Selected as next director**
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Preparing for the next term

- Nov. 14th
 - ◆ Present our current status globally
 - ◆ Identify challenges
 - ◆ Discuss possible solutions
 - Nov. 15th
 - ◆ Present status of each present chapter
 - ◆ Identify challenges
 - ◆ Discuss possible solutions
 - After RCCC 2019
 - ◆ Compile a summary of our meeting
 - ◆ Share with the attendees for corrections
 - ◆ Share with all other chapter chairs
 - ◆ Forward it to the next board
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**Complementary information
for the meeting report**

Numbers

- 22 people attended
 - ◆ 10 board members
 - ◆ 1 board advisor
 - ◆ 11 chapter chairs

 - 21 presentations
 - ◆ 8 from board members
 - ◆ 1 from board advisor
 - ◆ 12 reporting chapter activities

 - 1 social dinner
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Pictures – Attendees



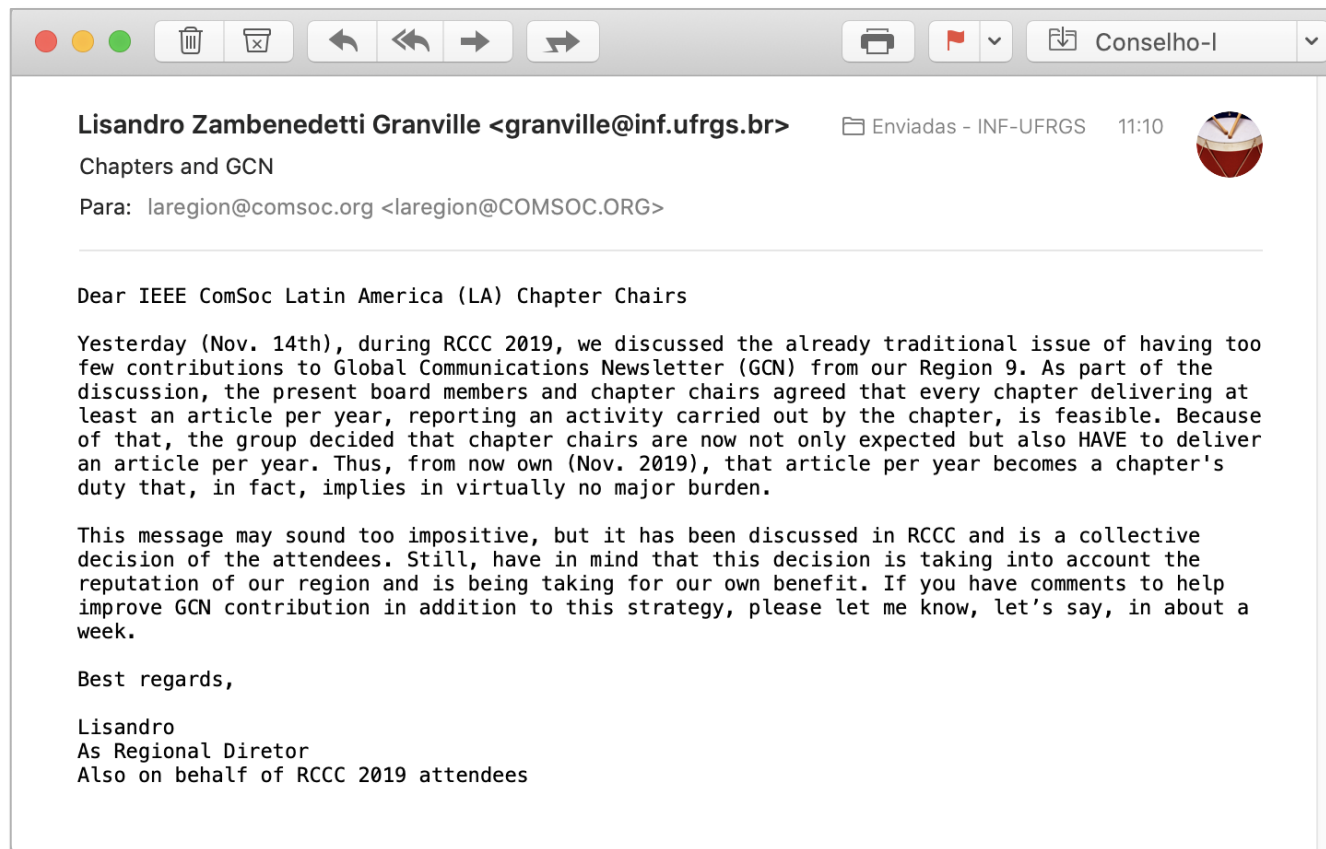
Pictures – Board members



Pictures – Social dinner

Discussions/considerations

- Chairs' duties now include delivering an article to GCN per year
 - ◆ Update the mailing list of chapter chairs



Discussions/considerations (cont.)

- Lack of reply of some contacted DLs
 - ◆ Right from the first invitation message, the regional DLT and DSP Coordinator must be cc'ed in the e-mail message in order to identify the occasional lack of reply and have the opportunity to react/help
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Discussions/considerations (cont.)

- Lack of proper coordination from ComSoc's staff with the conference organizers
 - ◆ We shall avoid situations similar to HealthCom 2019, where 63 nights have been booked and paid by ComSoc when the necessity was only 22 nights
 - ◆ Dates of the conference have been changed by ComSoc staff members following a request from Norbert Noury (steering committee member) without double-checking with the general/TPC/SC chairs, leading to advertisements with different dates
 - ◆ Some needed equipment (projectors, computers, etc.) has not been requested by ComSoc but it was required by the conference
 - Actions:
 - ◆ The duties of ComSoc's staff in the context of a conference must be established very clearly at the beginning of the conference organization process
 - ◆ ComSoc's staff shall trust the knowledge of local team WRT peculiarities of the region in which the conference is being held (e.g., hotel prices, negotiation expectations, local culture, etc.)
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Discussions/considerations (cont.)

- Apply for CAA & CoY awards
 - ◆ Perception that number of members is the only thing that matters in the selection of best chapters
 - ◆ Perception that “regular” actions seem not to be sufficiently outstanding
 - Actions
 - ◆ Chapter questionnaires could be an implicit application for the awards
 - ◆ Check if sharing criteria with chapter chairs is not a problem
 - ◆ Fill the forms 😊
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Number of attendees of LATINCOM

- Actions

- ◆ Promote ComSoc's technical committees meetings co-located with LATINCOM
 - ◆ Identify possible future locations and approach candidates more actively
 - ◆ Check the “history” of attendees and have a break down (e.g., considering countries, profile [members, student...])
 - Identify who were the ComSoc's staff working as contact point and that received the reports
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Industrial participation in LATINCOM

- Actions
 - ◆ Check the already established agreements that ComSoc has with specific telcos and try to use them to improve their participation at LATINCOM
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Increase the region's interactions

- Actions:
 - ◆ Virtual RCCC with WebEx
 - ◆ Create an e-community and publish minutes of virtual RCCCs
 - ◆ Having a virtual host (that gets recognized to put the show together)
 - ◆ Frequency: once a year
 - ◆ Duration: a morning or an afternoon (take into account the different time zones in the region)
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Guidelines for new chapter chairs

- Actions:
 - ◆ Use this address: <https://la.regions.comsoc.org/chapters/advices-for-new-chairs/> (under construction)
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