

# Call for Volunteers

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**Chair, IEEE NH Chapter**

We have two new roles for volunteers in New Hampshire

- Tech Policy Topics program chair, and
- Virtual Events Program chair

These roles may fit well with some of our retired members, or student members who want to connect with the NH Technology community.

## **Tech Policy Topics Program Chair**

If you are interested in the intersection of technology and public policy, this is for you! The concept is to draw on established IEEE USA policy position statements on topics such as AI, Privacy, Cybersecurity, Spectrum allocation, or universal broadband access (see all at <https://ieeeysa.org/advocacy/policy-positions/> ) and also emerging areas that become topics of state, local or federal policies.

We are building an online contact community of interested IEEE members, open to the public as well. To join this contact list send an email to [main+subscribe@TechPolicyTopics.groups.io](mailto:main+subscribe@TechPolicyTopics.groups.io) .

We can take advantage of the experts in IEEE-USA's committees, as well as local contacts to identify speakers, panels or even related events to help bring insight about these topics to our interested members. We also expect to have experts who can help us learn "how to talk with your representatives" so members feel more comfortable advocating for issues they find important.

Our hope is to have three to five virtual events/panels/presentations in this area in 2021.

If interested, join the contact list and contact Jim Isaak  
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### **Virtual Events Program Chair**

We need to be effective at bringing relevant virtual programs to NH IEEE members. If you are comfortable with tools like Webex, Zoom, Meet, etc. or want to learn more about these, we need you!

This role has two key aspects:

First, helping to set up events with IEEE's online tool set ("vTools"), and,

Second, assisting our NH chapter and affiliate group chairs with the virtual event management process.

Events may emerge from our local chair's program plans, or coordination with other IEEE sections/organizations, or even events outside of IEEE (typically free participation) that may be of interest to our members.

With the world going virtual, many of our chairs have not had the cycles to initiate and manage these events. At the same time, events have become global. We have been able to make available events from other parts of the world available to our members, and NH events have drawn participants from around the world. Finally, the topics, like the challenges technologists face span a number of historical disciplines, so we need to go beyond focusing events on just Computer, Robotic, Medical, or other IEEE communities. By facilitating the connection between events and NH technologists, we can help them keep up-to-date from the comfort of their own homes (or whatever feelings they have about the modus-operandi for the last six months.)

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