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Date: 20 April 2020

As we all adjust to this new way of living and working, I hope each of you are taking care of yourself and your family, and are finding ways to keep your spirits up. These are indeed challenging times, and my thoughts go out to everyone who has been adversely affected by the direct and indirect effects of the Coronavirus.

I hope some of you were able to attend the first WebEx meeting about how to run meetings via WebEx. Unfortunately, due to internet issues, the next two meetings had to be postponed. They will be coming soon; watch for more information on when those will be held. Additionally, the SSC is currently setting up the next set of webinars for the training that we missed at SoutheastCon. I hope to have the dates for those meetings on Monday night.

For our "New Event" challenge for 2020 – it is still on! I will be sending all Section Chairs an email with ideas for new events. I have delayed sending that email because I don't want everyone overwhelmed with emails – but that doesn't stop you from brainstorming on your own, and beginning your planning! When we are finishing up the training webinars, I'll send out the new events information, and the schedule for related webinars. The webinars will also be recorded and made available on our website. We are trying to provide a point of contact for each type of new event, so you have someone to go to when you have questions. At Sections Congress, I'd like each Section to provide a report on their new event – if it has been held, tell us how it went; if it has been scheduled but not yet held, tell us the date and what you will be doing. This is a great time for innovation! Spend some time now planning something different – an innovative virtual meeting/event, or something that can be done once everyone can get back together face-to-face. Think outside the box!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to generating ideas for Sections Congress recommendations! We received several suggestions; similar ones were combined, some did not meet the guidelines (had to be actionable, and of global import), and some simply needed to be worded more clearly. The resulting 6 recommendations are on Collabratec in the [Region 3's Sections Congress Workspace](#) for discussion, through midnight on April 21. After that, you will receive a link with information on voting for your preferred recommendations – the Region can only submit 3. NOTE: At this point, Sections Congress is still on schedule, however, do not book any Sections Congress flights yet. **IEEE has asked that no air travel be booked at this time.** Once that restriction is lifted, many of you may be able to use your SoutheastCon air travel credit towards your Sections Congress flight!

I am waiting to receive videos from the IEEE-USA President-Elect candidates. As soon as I have those, I will make the IEEE Pres-Elect candidate videos and the IEEE-USA Pres-Elect

candidate videos available for everyone to view, and will request your questions for me to submit to the candidates.

Respectfully submitted,
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ExCom and Committee Meetings, 2020 (typically the meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 pm Eastern):

ExCom telecon: April 20
ExCom telecon: May 18
ExCom telecon: June 15
ExCom telecon: July 20
R3 Committee Business Meeting: Meeting will occur Friday morning at Sections Congress
ExCom telecon: Sept 21
ExCom telecon: Oct 19
ExCom telecon: Nov 16
ExCom telecon: Dec 21 (this may change to an R3 Committee telecon, if needed)

My IEEE commitments:

Region 3 Director/Delegate – therefore on the Boards of Directors of IEEE, MGA, and IEEE-USA (2020-2021)
Member, Employee Benefits and Compensation Committee (2020-2022)
Chair, Joint TAB/MGA AdHoc on Improving Chapter Support (2019-2020)
Member, IEEE Lifelong Learning AdHoc
Member, Future Directions Committee (2019-2020)
Member, TAB Finance Committee (2019-2020)
Ombudsman, IEEE Computer Society (2020)
Chair, Computer Society Merwin Award Committee

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