Thank you for being an IEEE member and a member of IEEE Region 4.

I request that all Region 4 members avoid conducting in-person IEEE activities and instead utilize online and virtual alternatives. IEEE provides many tools to support our membership with virtual engagement, including our online collaboration space <u>IEEE Collaboratec</u>.

## **Region 4 Awards**

It is my pleasure to announce a significant expansion to our awards program. The Region 4 Awards and Recognition Committee has approved the following new awards:

- Membership Growth Section (small, medium, and large sections)
- Membership Retention Section (small, medium, and large sections)
- Outstanding Student Branch
- Student Branch Counselor
- Employer Award
- Region 4 Outstanding Service
- Outstanding Chapter
- Outstanding Affinity Group
- Industry Engagement
- Women in Engineering
- Diversity and Inclusion

These new awards are aligned with our mission to promote, recognize, and reward excellence in promoting the interests of IEEE. Shadrack Roberts, our Awards and Recognition Committee Chair, is working on having the Awards and Recognition section of our website updated. The plan is to open up the 2020 Region 4 awards submission portal in November.

## **Region 4 Support**

Region 4 is here to assist.

Please visit the listing of our Committee Members for any support that your section may need: <a href="https://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/4/committee.php">https://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/4/committee.php</a>.



Are you looking for a way to get more involved within your local IEEE Section or Region 4? **If so, We want you!** Do you want to help guide programs, project ideas, or maybe take part in a micro volunteering activity?

Please let us know and we'll be happy to help out and find a spot just for you. We request you to please fill out the following form to express your interest:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19k46v6NsE1TwwR4Bky4MgNvdIKRN46LJ9x2x3pOuioM

## **Section Activities**

Conducting meetings throughout the year is a critical way for us to engage and serve the vast interests of our members. Region 4 has created burndown charts that can be reviewed at anytime to view section activities conducted and reported thus far:

https://ewh.ieee.org/reg/4/try1.php

## **2020 Financial Reporting**

The deadlines to submit your financials for the fiscal year of 2020 are:

- **February 19, 2021** In order to be eligible for the additional 10% rebate bonus Geo Units' financials must be submitted by this date
- **February 28, 2021** In order to be eligible for a rebate Geo Units' financials must be submitted by this date

For those Geo Units that report their financials through NetSuite and need assistance with the cloud-based application's functionality, please contact the MGA Business Finance Solutions team at <a href="mailto:finance-solutions@ieee.org">finance-solutions@ieee.org</a>.

For those Geo Units that report their financials through their Sections, please contact the Section Treasurers directly.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank all of our members and volunteers at the Region, Section, Chapter, and Affinity Group levels as IEEE is a volunteer-based organization.

These are challenging times for all of us, but we will make it through this!

Stay Safe and Be Well,

David Koehler

Region 4 Director