

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 [IEEE Collabratec](#).

IEEE publications continue to accept submissions and publish impactful cutting-edge research. Our online publications remain available to researchers and students around the world. IEEE standards development also continues, using online collaboration to replace in-person working groups. IEEE educational activities continue to offer online instruction and IEEE's [pre-university educational resources](#) may be of assistance to families of students whose classroom activities have been disrupted.

All IEEE operations are continuing. At many of our offices, IEEE staff will support IEEE's mission while teleworking from their homes to minimize risk.

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: <https://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/4/committee.php>.

June IEEE Board Series

The IEEE June 2020 board series wrapped up last week. The board series consisted of numerous virtual meetings.

MGA held on June 25th the Directors Forum and Assembly meetings and the MGA Board meeting was held on June 27th. The IEEE Board of Directors met June 28th and 29th. The IEEE-USA Board of Directors decided to split the June meeting into two separate meetings with the remaining meeting scheduled for July 21st.

Strategic Program Days were also scheduled to cover the following topics:

- NextGen Program Update from IEEE Treasurer, Joe Lillie
- IEEE Conferences Business: COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Business Transformation
- Open Access Update
- IEEE Ad Hoc on Diversity, Inclusion & Professional Ethics: Proposed Changes to IEEE Code of Ethics
- IEEE Lifelong Learning & Continuing Education Ad Hoc: Progress Report
- IEEE Ad Hoc on Diversity, Inclusion & Professional Ethics: Modifications to IEEE Ethics Processes

Congratulations to Ron Jenson for being selected as the incoming MGA Vice Chair-Information Management (VC-IM). Ron who has extensive experience at the Section, Region, IEEE-USA, MGA, and IEEE levels was selected by the MGA Assembly during a virtual June 25th meeting.

IEEE-USA

IEEE-USA has been very active during the COVID-19 pandemic and is here to help. Please check out <https://ieeusa.org/help/> for some great free content relevant to IEEE members.

IEEE-USA Free Webinars

(please note: IEEE Members can receive PDHs for attending IEEE-USA webinars):

1. Jump-Start Your Job Search and Maintain Your Career Development During this Crisis
2. Discover Yourself and Your Unique Brand
3. Using DISC to Increase Civility, Engagement & Personal Leadership
4. The Future of Work & Your Job Search During Disruption
5. How To Avoid Distractions and Stay on Track While Working Remotely
6. How to Build More Brand Loyalty as a Person, an Employee, a Leader, and a Company
7. Leadership in a Six-Sigma World
8. Who Moved The Cheese?....My Cheese Workbook
9. Transitioning Back From Remote Work (Manager-focused)
10. Beyond the Safety Aspects of Your Return-to Work Plan — How to Smoothly Re-open Your Workplace and Increase Employee Engagement and Productivity (Manager-focused)
11. Live Stream Webinar: Engineering Code Of Ethics
12. Diversifying Your Consulting Practice as We Recover from Times of Crisis
13. How to Lead Your Remote Teams More Effectively

Our Full Webinar Library can be found here: <https://ieeusa.org/careers/webinars/>

Upcoming Panel Webinar

Panel Webinar: Post-COVID-19 Outlook – Opportunities in the Shift (Thursday, July 16, 2 PM ET)

In developing technology for the benefit of humanity, it is in times of massive shift that disruptions not only challenge the way we live, work, and thrive, but also create the space for nascent concepts to show their worth. We bring together a futurist, a government leader, and a behind-the-scenes enabler to give their perspective into the great potential that these shifts are providing for individuals, companies, and industries. Join us for a day of future casting in this live panel discussion as we are propelled into the bright future that lies before us.

- [Register Today](#)

2020 IEEE-USA Awards - Nominations Deadline September 15th

IEEE-USA is now seeking nominations for its annual awards and recognitions, given in one of three categories: professionalism, technical achievement, and literary contributions to public awareness and understanding of the engineering profession in the United States. For more details or to nominate a deserving colleague, visit: <https://ieeusa.org/volunteers/awards-recognition/>.

Become a Volunteer



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/19k46v6NsE1TwwR4Bky4MgNvdIKRN46LJ9x2x3pOuiuM>

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 reported thus far: http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/4/r4_meetings_vtools_graphs_areas_2020.php

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Koehler'.

David Koehler

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