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Dear NoVA IEEE members:

I hope this message finds all well and surviving as we continue to live through this pandemic. Several months ago we were hopeful that in-person NoVA region IEEE meetings and events would resume, but hope for that has been put on hold again. However, throughout this pandemic, the region has remained resilient and the membership steady. I am happy to report that our membership has remained around 3400, our finances are strong, the executive committees continue to meet and conduct business, and 2021-2022 should offer great opportunities. I thank you for your continued support to the region and the IEEE organization.

The lack of in-person university attendance has hurt our student chapters, but hopefully they will rebound soon. Meanwhile, many of our administrative teams, technical chapters and affinity groups have adopted multiple virtual and limited face-to-face engagements in order to keep supporting the members and our communities. The region has multiple free Zoom and WebEx services available for any region meeting/conference. Please check with the Co-Chair or Treasurer for use information.

Pandemic or not, the businesses and technologies we all support continue on with new knowledge and learning occurring every day. To that end, and to help with any CEU/PDH needs, you might want to check out the IEEE training site (<https://www.ieee.org/education/continuing-education.html>). Also, I would highly encourage all members to check out the IEEE collaboration site called **Collabratec** (<https://ieee-collabratec.ieee.org/>). On the Collabratec site you find other IEEE members working on self-directed projects, working group activities, and collaboration groups with members seeking help and offering observations and advice. You can also locate other IEEE members on the site. Check it out!

With great thanks to Harry Sauberman and his team, the region is about to offer a new technology achievement award program to be named in the memory of Dr. Saj Durrani, an IEEE Fellow, Section Leader and longtime volunteer. More details to be forthcoming next month.

In closing, I would recommend all region members check out the Region Web site <https://r2.ieee.org/nova/> where you will listings of all the regional officers and roles, as well as the names/POCs of all the Region's technical chapters and affinity groups. If you don't already belong, consider joining a chapter or affinity group that is involved with subjects that are of interest to you. You will also find the IEEE NoVA Region on multiple social web sites. Finally, the region will be conducting annual elections beginning next month. Multiple positions, including four director slots, will be elected, so please consider running for office in November. If you have any questions about the elected positions and their requirements, please call me.

Thank you again for being an IEEE member and for your continued support of the NoVA Region.

Best wishes and regards,

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