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am writing this message as the leaves are falling from the trees. It is Autumn in the Northeast U.S.A.

This is an indication of the colder weather in the near future and the coming of a new year. Appropriately, this is the ending of my presidency of a fabulous group of people who are members of the SSIT. I have been honored to serve as the President of SSIT for the 2019-2020 term.

First and foremost, I hope you are safe and well. I do wish that you and your loved ones are also safe and well. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a large impact on SSIT. The flagship conference, ISTAS 2020, was converted to a virtual conference for the November 2020 event. Also, the 2020 Wiener Conference scheduled for July 2020 was postponed for the same place in Chennai, India, at the same time frame in 2021.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to read the recently initiated

Transactions on Technology and Society. This year, 2020 is the inaugural year for the Transactions, and it is the high quality journal in its area. Of course, we also continue to produce the *Technology & Society Magazine*. This magazine is a high-quality publication of the Society sent to all SSIT members. I want to thank Jeremy Pitt as the Editor-in-Chief. One big thank you to Terri Bookman, our Managing Editor, for her tremendous contributions to the success of the *T&S Magazine*. She has been our Managing Editor for 30 years. I want to personally thank her for her contributions to the magazine and SSIT.

This year was an election year for SSIT. I congratulate Heather Love, Jay Pearlman, and Beth Ann Schuelke-Leech for their success-

ful election to three-year terms as voting Members-at-Large of the IEEE-SSIT Board of Governors starting in 2021. Thank you to all six candidates who ran for election in this year's election. Also, I thank Charmayne Hughes for her volunteer spirit having completed her three-year term as a Member-at-Large in 2020.

I wish my successor, Clint Andrews, a successful and productive two years as the SSIT President starting January 1, 2021. I am sure he will do well.

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