As I began my role as the president of the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society (AP-S) earlier this year, I could see many challenges ahead of us. There is much to be discovered, and I am still learning on the job—somehow, it feels like a one-year term is too short for a task so big!

With close to 9,000 members, AP-S is one of the larger Societies within the IEEE and one with a long history. Founded in 1949, albeit under a different name (the Professional Group on Antennas and Wave Propagation), the APS is older than many of our members! What is more important is that we cosponsor close to 50 conferences and have close to 160 Chapters and Joint Chapters worldwide. Every year, we appoint seven or eight Distinguished Lecturers to deliver seminars around the globe and share and disseminate knowledge. Altogether, we have four journals, one magazine, and one electronic publication. Presiding over our Society feels like presiding over a small college on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. The onus is upon me to keep our Society in top form. But I cannot do it alone; I need as much help as possible from the community.

I would like to thank those who have served the Society dutifully and diligently in the past. For those who have passed their responsibilities to others, I would like to acknowledge them for keeping the institutional knowledge intact by working with the incoming group. Without their selfless services to our Society, we could not function as well as we are today.

Even though we are only fostering activities related to antennas and propagation, our vision is larger than that, as our work spurs the growth of all aspects of electromagnetic knowledge and electromagnetic technologies globally. It is hard to imagine a world without our knowledge. There are many IEEE Societies/Councils that are related to electromagnetics technologies, and new ones are emerging. Together, we are the keepers of some unique knowledge that has transformed our modern world. We have to work synergistically together with our sister Societies to grow this knowledge, making our world a better world. Our Society is the epitome of the proverbial saying, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts! We are all gifted, and for most of us, we are paid to do what we like to do.

The Global Reach of Electromagnetics

Our work spurs the growth of all aspects of electromagnetic knowledge and electromagnetic technologies globally.