Dear Member Societies and Friends:

As Chair of the Richmond Joint Engineers’ Council, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate your support and membership. I am a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) and serve as First Vice President on the ASHE Regional Board. I have enjoyed serving on the RJEC Old Dominion Section Board for the past several years. I am also an active member in VASITE, ASCE, SAME and SMPS.

As a member society, your delegate is entitled to attend and vote at our monthly meetings which are currently held on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 6-8pm at various locations in the Richmond area (currently at the Positive Vibe Café – 2825 Hathaway Road). RJEC supports The Positive Vibe Foundation, who provides homemade comfort food and catering from Richmond's non-profit organization dedicated to training and employing people with disabilities in food services. For more information: positiveviberva.com

You may also check our web site www.rjec.org for updates (LinkedIn and Twitter are also now available). So that we can be sure the correct information is displayed on our web site, please send a reply email with your (1) local web page link, and (2) the name and (3) email address of your society’s RJEC delegate.

We will be shortly soliciting nominations for our annual Engineer of the Year and Community Service Awards and would welcome any suggestions your society might wish to make. Engineer’s Week next year is February 17-23, 2019 and as always, we will be having our banquet and awards ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel Wednesday, February 20, 2019 to celebrate this event.

Your generous sponsorships help us fund our awards and also our donations to STEM programs and the Science Museum of Virginia. We also pay for our Student Contest Finalist and their families.

We also would encourage your society to begin plans for participating in the Annual Celebrate Engineering Ingenuity Day, which is a career day for aspiring future engineers to be held at the Science Museum of VA on Sunday, February 17, 2019. We have found in the past that interactive displays and contests, such as the CO2 Car Racing, Egg Drop and Bridge Building, are most effective and would encourage your group to begin thinking what they might do to attract the youth of our region to technical and engineering professions.

I look forward to your continued active participation in the RJEC. Also, I hope to have an opportunity in the near future to attend one of your meetings and hear your members’ ideas and concerns to help make RJEC even better.

Thank you for your support.

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