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When I say that 2020 has been a year of change and challenge – that’s an understatement!

We have experienced a great deal of change; a great deal of uncertainty and unrest. Not just in our work, but in our communities and cities across the country. During this COVID-19 pandemic, our industry and our Association have been steadily working to keep the lights on, the power restored, and our customers served so they could concentrate on other important things in their lives.

We have tackled the challenges of the pandemic and adjusted our work and operating practices to it. We’ve expertly responded to a series of operational challenges; and we remain agile and continue to adjust and evolve as new situations warrant it.

It has been very challenging. And yet, with all this change taking place, we are also discovering that there is a great opportunity for innovation, a brand new climate to encourage fresh ideas, and room for growth of our jobs, our companies, and our AEIC organization.

Although our AEIC committees, subcommittees, and DA Council members have had to abandon their face-to-face meetings, there has been a clear desire from committee members to keep their committee active, their associations with one another alive and thriving, and a commitment to refuse to let COVID-19 keep them from their AEIC work.

We hear of committee members pulling together to have COVID-related problem-solving calls, regular monthly committee leadership meetings, and finding unique ways to conduct their regular committee meetings and presentations.

Plans are now underway to create a new, abbreviated, Annual Meeting for later this year. Continuing the course of change, we will be holding our 2020 Annual Meeting virtually. While it won't be the same with in person interactions and activities, we are excited to be able to use technology to engage with our colleagues.

This is the spirit of our industry – the spirit of AEIC – that instills pride in what we do and confidence in our abilities to serve our customers and the greater good.

While we are still uncertain if things will return to “normal”, one thing is for sure - we'll come out of this with new experiences, improved knowledge, and a stronger than ever can-do spirit.

To all our AEIC associates, speaking for the AEIC Officers and the Board of Directors, we sincerely thank you for your continuing support and contributions to your company, to AEIC, and our industry.

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