Message from the Chair

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I would like to begin this Chair's message to the membership by thanking all the officers and members that have worked diligently over the past year to make our division the success that it is. Recently, I was working with a graduate student reviewing past proceedings and journal articles from our field and have noticed a remarkable difference in the amount research, cutting-edge technology, and overall quality of the type of data and information we are presenting to the public. With this success comes obligation, and I would like to challenge all members of the division to become active in attending our meetings regularly, as well as consider leadership roles within the profession. One area that I feel that we can improve as a division is to increase the current membership and outreach to communities. We can do this by continuing to recruit new members from within our profession, as well as from other disciplines and engineering. But a deficit that I see is graduate students attending our meetings and sessions as well as majoring with a concentration within our field. So as we begin a new year, let's take time and talk to our undergraduate and graduate students and help mentor those that we feel would make great leaders and instructors for our discipline and establish a long lasting future. Let us also reach out to public school programs and work with these instructors so that we can help provide good foundational practices for students wanting to study and develop visual literacy. It is my belief, that in this new age of technology and advanced communications that our discipline is more important than ever for the success of all students, not just those wishing to major in engineering. What we have to offer students is truly a great 21st century skill. Thank you for your time and dedication to this most important field of study, engineering design graphics.

Professionally yours,

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