



## **A Message from the President;**

Summer is coming to an end, schools are back in session and our group of volunteers is excited to announce the start of another series of presentations on Microelectronics and to begin working on our May symposium. I would like to introduce the newest member of our committee, Rick Morrison from Draper. Rick has come onboard as the Technical Chairman for our meetings providing us with topics and speakers that that we hope will engage and enlighten us all.

Many in today's society take the technology in our everyday life for granted not understanding the complexity involved in creating the devices we use. The evolution of the cell phone and computing, weather satellites, smart appliances, the list seems endless but the impact these technologies have on our lives is tremendous. There are also those technologies that are not so obvious that keep us safe from those who would do us harm and protect those first responders and warrior that stand between us and danger. Certainly those affected by the devastating storms that hit Texas Florida and The Caribbean have a greater appreciation for the ability to forecast such events and for those technologies on which we depend so heavily that were rendered useless by those epic storms. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those affected.

This year marks the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IMAPS** and we hope you will join us in Raleigh October 9 thru 12 to celebrate this event. If you cannot make the trip to Raleigh watch for the announcements for our local presentations, we hope to see you there!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our organization and to extend the invitation to anyone wishing to become more involved in the chapter, even in a limited capacity to contact any of our committee members.

Thank you all.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Medeneel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.