



iMAPS New England Chapter

International Microelectronics Assembly and Packaging Society



Letter From The Prez, Spring 2018!!



While awaiting the arrival of spring in New England and the conclusion to this seemingly *never ending* string of snow storms, our committee is working tirelessly on the upcoming iMAPS New England 45th Symposium and Expo. The technical sessions are going to be outstanding, we have a terrific Keynote and, as always, good food and much fun to be had by all! (May 1, Boxboro)

The climate for innovation and technical development fosters growth in a number of areas across the sciences. This is very evident in the mix of companies and the technologies they represent sponsoring our Symposium. I want to thank our **Gold Sponsors, Mini-Systems, Geib Refining, TJ Green, RIV, Stellar Industries, MRSI Systems, PEI, Advance Reproductions, Centerline and Innovative Fabrication** for their outstanding support and to urge you to support these companies as well.

The confluence of ideas and capital is a good conduit for growth but it is everything between the idea and profit that concerns us. How efficiently you execute the delivery of the idea to market will help determine HOW good your idea was! There has been a tremendous buzz about Autonomous Vehicles and it has drawn its share of controversy. While you may have some trepidation about boarding a driverless cab you will have no trouble with the reduced insurance rates for your vehicle with driver assisted safety features. While the space program was a boon to the world of Hybrid Microelectronics, Autonomous Vehicle development is having the same effect on creating new and better sensors and sensor technologies.

We of the New England Chapter proudly support the mission of our parent organization the **International Microelectronics Assembly and Packaging Society**, which is primarily education and the dissemination of information in our industry. Membership in the organization provides an individual with access to a tremendous amount of technical information and to the Microelectronic community. I encourage you to join if you are not already a member. If you have an interest in being further involved with the chapter, please contact one of the chapter officers.

Thank you for supporting the iMAPS New England Chapter. On behalf of the entire Executive Committee, and all of the Symposium Chairs and Co-Chairs, I wish you a Happy Spring and hope you enjoy the Symposium!

Best wishes,

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