

Tempus Fugit!

Hi all,
Wow, how *time flies*. It seems like only yesterday that I was writing my welcome column as your new President in the first issue of the 2022 CIM. Now it's time to hand over the reins to the 2024–2025 CIS President, Yaochu Jin. Yaochu will do a great job for CIS. It's been a great privilege and honor for me to serve as President, and really, it's been a blast. Both the field of computational intelligence and the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society have experienced huge gains, and I'm happy to have had a front row seat these last two years. Rather than attempt to summarize everything that's been happening, if you are a glutton for punishment, you can read the other 7 of my editorials (yeah, right?) to get a sense of the vibrant and growing community we have in CIS. In signing off as President, I have two parting comments.

First, I am immensely grateful to all of the dedicated and talented volunteers and staff who have propelled CIS to ever greater heights. While our exceptional staff is the glue that holds us together, no IEEE Society can function, and flourish, without a large number of committed members who give of their time and talent to tackle the myriad positions across the Society. CIS is blessed in this regard. CIS volunteers and staff form such a great group of people from all around the planet and I wish to thank each and every one for their service.

My second message is for our student members, YPs, and those who just have not had the time or opportunity to volunteer. Please consider increasing the service component of your career. What is certainly true for me, and for all active volunteers I talk to, is that you get way more out of volunteer positions than the effort you expend. I can't count all the dear friends I've made from around the world as a result of the many roles I've embraced over the years. The close camaraderie with all of the smart people who make up the working CIS has helped my technical career as well. It's clearly worth the effort, particularly to "pay it forward".

I will miss this position, but this is the way it should be. As always, feel free to contact me at kellerj@missouri.edu with your thoughts, suggestions, questions, and innovative ideas, even as I move into the Past President role. I'm happy to hear from you and will pass along your ideas to the new President. Please stay safe and healthy. I hope to see many of you at CIS events over the upcoming years.



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