

Dear Friends!

We would like to invite you to the 2020 IEEE Chicago 126th Annual Fair & Expo to be held in a virtual format on Saturday, October 3rd, from 9am to 3 pm!

Join us to celebrate the value of engineering to society, discuss the reasons for choosing engineering as a career, or just ask questions about the current state of the art in modern technology. Seize this unique opportunity to talk to local professionals about their everyday work as engineers, scientists or educators!

We have an interesting and engaging virtual program that features short presentations, and interactive breakout sessions with our volunteers and local IEEE officers who will highlight the existing IEEE Chicago's technical chapters and affinity groups. We will also hold the 2020 IEEE Chicago Section Awards Ceremony to recognize some of our best local IEEE members.

Why You Should Attend

The IEEE Chicago 126th Annual Fair & Expo is open to the public and free to attend although you must register first. For high-school students contemplating college, this is a chance to talk to enrolled students and working engineers on what it takes to have an engineering career. Virtually all disciplines within the electrical engineering profession are represented by IEEE Chicago Section society chapters where in the breakout rooms, the society chapters will demonstrate and discuss their field of expertise. During the main event, you can listen to professionals on how engineering contributes to the public good and what opportunities exist by having an engineering education. Whether you are a high school student, a university student, an industry professional, academic professional, retired, or love engineering and technology, learn how the Chicago engineering community continues to contribute to society. Any questions, please email ieechicago126@gmail.com

FREE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

About Us

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) is the world's largest technical professional organization for the advancement of technology. In the spring of 1884, a small group of individuals in the electrical professions met in New York to form the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, or AIEE for short. Meetings were typically held only in New York making it difficult for "western engineers," those who lived outside the east coast, to attend.

In February 1894, the Chicago group made a formal request to hold meetings in Chicago and the request was granted. Professor Stine of Armour Institute (predecessor to Illinois Institute of Technology) offered the use of his lecture room for the first meeting to be held on March 21, 1894. The Chicago Telephone company setup long distance lines to New York for the simultaneous paper reading. The meeting was a great success and several years later the concept of "sections" was formalized by the AIEE. In 1963, the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE) and the AIEE merged to form the IEEE. The IEEE Chicago Section remains as the first section established outside of New York residing in IEEE's Region 4.

Since its inception in 1894, the Section continues to serve our local IEEE members, while promoting the engineering profession across the Greater Chicago area. Today, we are proud to be the largest Section in central USA with 4,200+ active members!