From the president

As the incoming president of the IEEE Computer Society, I want first to express my appreciation to the outgoing president, Tse-yun Feng, for the superlative manner in which he has led the society for the last two years. The number of accomplishments achieved during his tenure are probably without equal in our previous history. A few of the more significant achievements include the initiation of two new magazines aimed at a broad spectrum of our membership, purchase of a building to house our West Coast operations, inauguration of Tutorial Weeks to bring the latest technical information in an inexpensive way to our membership, establishment of the Computer Society Press to better support non-periodical publications, and carrying out a much-needed rewriting of our bylaws to reflect the present structure and organizational requirements.

Our publishing activities have seen an unprecedented growth in recent years. The two new magazines mentioned above are about to hit the street, and several new publications have been proposed as well. Our current publications (three transactions and three magazines) appear to be doing well. Preliminary subscription estimates for the new magazines, *IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications* and *IEEE Micro*, appear to be achieving or exceeding targets. Conference proceedings and especially tutorial texts continue to be very popular, and their sales represent a major contribution to our budget surpluses.

In addition to new publications, there has been a continued expansion of services to society membership through establishing new chapters, maintaining and expanding the number of conferences and workshops, and forming new technical committees to incorporate emerging facets of computer technology. Other aspects of membership services include a commitment to improve educational facilities and curricula through our Education Committee and the continuing leadership in establishing computer industry standards by our Standards Committee. All of these efforts and many more have contributed to the leadership role of the Computer Society in the computer field.

This momentum must be sustained. We must continue to look for opportunities for increased service to our members through expanded coverage of the computer field in our conferences and publications. At the same time we must digest and consolidate the accomplishments of the past two years. As is always the case, none of this will come about without the dedicated support of a large cadre of volunteers and staff. I am looking forward to working with the officers, volunteers, and staff to carry on the traditions and uphold the standards set for us by past administrations. I solicit your support to make this continued progress possible.

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President