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Dear Members,

As of this writing, I am preparing my reports for the "Pre-Convention" virtual Meeting on October 3rd for the 2020 ADDC Board and for the "Post -Convention" virtual meeting for the 2020-2021 ADDC Board. Thankfully, with Zoom we are able to conduct our business and get all our necessary business done and get the 2021 Board ready to take over in January. I sure hope it will be a better year for everyone.

Usually I would be talking in this letter about the ADDC Convention, but we all know we had to cancel it due to the pandemic. But now, we can start planning and looking forward to the 2021 Region meetings and the ADDC Convention to be held in New Orleans, LA, hosted by the clubs of the Southeast Region.

Members, we must continue growing our membership in Desk and Derrick to help the Association prosper. I know it seems like we have not reached our full potential and received the full benefit of Desk and Derrick membership this year, but this is just a temporary setback and we know next year things will return to a more normal level of activity.

The club presidents by now have received the certificates for all AIMEE winners that would normally be given out at Convention. Congratulations to everyone with a bulletin, article, program, field trip, seminar, or photograph entered – and a big CONGRATULATIONS to all the first place AIMEE winners. As you know, the 2020 Contest deadline is fast approaching, so finalize your articles, programs, field trips, and photos as this year is winding down. Please start thinking about what you want to submit and get your information in before the deadline.

Also, step up and run for a 2021 office for your local club if you have not submitted your name yet. The Harvest Season has already begun. We need to pick up our shovels and hoes and start digging to see what kind of crops we have grown in our Desk and Derrick oilfields. You may be surprised at what will be waiting for you when your crops are harvested.

Have a safe Halloween!!

Susan Miller
2020 Southeast Region Director