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Happy 2019 And Welcome To The First Issue Of This Great New Year!

I have to say, I am so proud of all the things that we accomplished in 2018, including but not limited to: an 85th anniversary celebration, new/revived relationships with sister associations, a conference, new staff, new processes and procedures, and training—wow...the training. I am so grateful to see a revived, ravenous interest in training this year because it is so desperately needed. Needless to say, the HQ staff, International Board, Educational & Examining Board, the Associations, Chapters and Members have all been so busy. Although a break sounds appealing, I know the momentum we are currently experiencing at RSES is just the start of a whole new era.

What could we possibly focus on in 2019 to top last year? Plenty! To start, we are continuing to hone our internal processes and procedures in the office. This process will equate to greater organization and more timely responses to and help for Members and Chapters of RSES, which for the industry, also equates to more networking and training opportunities. We are not standing by and maintaining the status quo, though—we are working to reinvent how this organization functions for the greater good of HVACR.

This means we are renewing our intense focus on updating training and testing materials, and on new and improved communications to Members and non-Members alike about local or regional training and testing opportunities. We are modernizing our approach to getting our messages out to the loyal members of RSES, while enticing new ones along the way. We will be remodeling the Chapter structure. And there's so much more.

Baby steps, though. I can't reveal everything in a 500-word column, but know we will be posting updates to our social media

sites and emailing anyone and everyone who wants to know how we are faring these days.

A few ways you can make sure you are getting the latest updates: Contact headquarters to provide a valid email address. Sign up for announcements, eNewsletters and other correspondence at www.rses.org/requestinfo.aspx. Don't miss out of the next great announcement from us!

By the time you read this column, Tim Gioe, RSES educational publications manager for the past 23 years, will have retired. I want to personally extend a huge "thank you" for all of his years of service to RSES and the E&E Board. Happy official retirement, Tim. Well deserved!

Finally, if you are reading this column and you happen to be at the 2019 AHR Expo in Atlanta, please drop by booth 3443. Several representatives from RSES and *RSES Journal* are onsite and would love to meet you face to face. Managing Editor Erika Hobbs and Senior Editor Jordan Brandes will both be on hand to discuss the amazing work being done at *RSES Journal*. We also will have the Board represented by International President Nick Reggi, CMS, RCT; Vice President Steve Wright, CMS, and Region 2 Director Art Miller, CMS, RCT. And of course, come see me!

Stay in touch, informed and out of harm's way this year. Looking forward to working with you during this next trip around the sun. ☺

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