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COMMITTEE REPORT

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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITY SINCE: **February 1, 2021**

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Hines Award:

The Hines Award Committee carefully considered our options for the 2021 Hines Award Process. The committee is concerned that this has recently become an annual award. It was never meant to be that. The original mission of the Hines Award was to recognize long-time, extensive service to the society. Its transformation into an annual pro forma event to be given out annually has lessened the impact of its significance and has made it less of an honor for the recipient.

The process of vetting nominees for this award is supposed to be extensive. There is usually a fair amount of supporting documentation, including several supporting letters. Often multiple nominees are put forward. In recent years the process has become more perfunctory, with minimum documentation and thought going into it.

We would therefore like to pause the process for 2021 and revisit the Award in 2022, when hopefully we can have an in-person convention. We want to be clear that there many candidates out there who deserve this award. Our goal in pausing for this year is make it more meaningful when it is given to a deserving candidate.

We want to thank those who submitted nominations and documentation this year. We’ll be archiving that material for an awards process in the future.

Hines Award Committee

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: None