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ONLINE Virtual Meeting

WEDNESDAY, July 29th, 2020 11:30 AM-12:30 PM (Houston Time)

TOPIC: “Effective Project Management: Strategies Picked up in Industry and As a Volunteer”

SPEAKER: Karen Pedersen, P.E., F.N.S.P.E.

PRESENTATION: Karen will talk about project management in the Utility industry and as a volunteer. She will talk about the advantage of her experience as a volunteer at IEEE has helped in her work in her job. And briefly how this experience can be an advantage when something like Covid-19 work environment hits.

SPEAKER: Karen Pedersen, P.E., F.N.S.P.E. has over 35 years in the Utility Industry; as a planner, conservation evaluation engineer, rate research engineer in 3 large utilities in Iowa and Massachusetts. She led teams of engineers on electric system projects to build transmission and distribution substations costing millions of dollars. Karen taught Power Systems Analysis online as Adjunct Professor for the University of Alaska in Anchorage. She was an Instructor for Wentworth Technology in Boston teaching online continuing education courses (Electric Motor Controls and Power System Analysis). Karen wrote testimony as an expert witness for cases involving siting of transmission lines and electrocution cases before Iowa and Illinois. Karen is a WIE member and joined IEEE in 1975 as a student at Iowa State University. Karen was the 2017 President of IEEE-USA. She was chair of 2019 EMCC, Ethics Member and Code of Conduct Committee. Karen was President of the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers, MSPE, in Boston Massachusetts. She is a National Society of Professional Engineers, NSPE, Fellow and served 7 years on the NSPE Educational Foundation Board. She received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. She received an M.B.A. with a concentration in Economics from Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts. Karen is currently licensed as a Professional Engineer (Iowa-10074), Licensed Professional Engineer (Illinois-062-052517), Registered Professional Engineer (Massachusetts-32371), and Professional Engineer (Texas-132264).

Organized by the Women In Engineering Affinity Group (WIE-AG) of Galveston Bay Section and Joint Societies Chapters, the presentation is open to all interested IEEE and non-IEEE members.

Registration is needed by Monday July 27th, 2020 [Close of Business at 5:00 PM Houston Time] to receive login information and attend the complimentary presentation. Please send registration request to Dr. Sabia Abidi at [sabriaabidi@gmail.com](mailto:sabiaabidi@gmail.com) indicating if you are an IEEE member and/or WIE member.



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