**INPUTS TO THE IEEE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ETHICS PROGRAMS (AHCEP)**

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**The following was requested by Greg Adamson, Chair of the AHCEP and I suggest for it to form the initial outline of Tasks for us to contribute to.**

Here are some thoughts and challenges I would appreciate your response to. It isn't a complete list, but I think these ones affect the first steps we have to take.

1. **Source of advice/support**. From my perspective, because we are dealing with a principle, it doesn't matter where the advice/support for IEEE members comes from. For example, if EMCC isn't comfortable with assisting individual members, and we get the assistance delivered from another part of IEEE, that isn't an issue. I mentioned this before and I think you agree with me on this.

2**. Timeliness of advice**. In your experience, what is the timeframe for giving advice. If a member has a problem do they need assistance on the same day, within a couple of weeks, or something else? I have no experience on how time critical typical ethical issues are, but knowing this is important in understanding how we resource the member support.

3. **IEEE is much more international** (geographically, linguistically, time zones, etc) than in the 1990s. I am not really asking for an opinion on this, but we can assume any IEEE member in any country could request support/advice.

4. **Format of advice/support**. In the past was it primarily in person, remotely by phone, written? There are logistical questions that could limit specifically what IEEE does in future, but it would good to know what happened in the past.

5. **Consistency of advice**. This for me is a big one. How do we ensure that whoever advises a member gives approximately equivalent information/guidance?

6. **Getting experts to provide advice/support**. As President of SSIT for the past couple of years, I know the diversity of volunteers and their expertise. In general I would say that there is enormous unevenness of experience even among those interested in ethics. Among active volunteers we have on the one hand people a very small number like Joe Herkert and Keith Miller, then we have a large gap between them and the next (still pretty small) group of people who have some knowledge of ethics (I put myself in the second group); then another large gap to the rest of the volunteers who would simply have a level of expertise similar to any IEEE member who is concerned about ethics but has little practical experience or training.

It would be great to hear your views on these.