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Dear ISPE Friends,

As you might have read in a memo from our Chairman of the Board Andre Walker, I have decided to resign my position as ISPE President/CEO effective at the end of this year. This was not an easy or hasty decision. ISPE has been the center of my life for over 26 years, but now that I have turned 61, and while I still have my health and energy, I would like use my time and talents for projects and causes I have been too busy to engage in previously.

I will remain at the helm at least until the end of this year to assist in the search for and transition to a new President/CEO and will serve in a consultancy role throughout 2012. ISPE is developing a new strategic plan, and I will also participate in its implementation in any way requested by the International Board of Directors.

I want to thank the hundreds of volunteer leaders I have been blessed to work with for their input and commitment to both the Society and me during my tenure. Together we have been able to make rapid, significant contributions to this great industry and the ISPE Members that play such an important role in it. I look forward to adding a few more to that list in the months ahead.

With Regards,

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