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Friends of Engineers Club of Lincoln:

As we are already halfway through 2020, we hope that you and your families continue to stay safe and healthy. While recent events have forced us to put club events temporarily on-hold, your Board Members are looking forward and developing plans so that when the time is appropriate, our members can come together to reconnect our friendships and reignite our passions for engineering discussion while continuing to support our Student Aid Scholarship Fund.

Due to these events, it has been decided that the Annual Golf Outing, tentatively scheduled for August 15 (with a backup date in September) will be canceled. Given the Mayor's recent calls to action to stem the viral spread, we know that this is the right decision for our club. We are looking forward to next year's event with excitement and will try and plan to make it bigger than ever to make up for this year's cancellation.

As we mentioned, the Board continues to brainstorm and plan upcoming events, and we continue to discuss potential guest speakers and topics for the monthly lunch meetings. We are also discussing issues such as the next venue for the Annual Business Meeting, and who we may like to invite as our speaker in January 2021. There have also been some rousings about trying 'Shrimp Bingo' as a club event at some point in the future, with the hope that it may develop into another annual occurrence.

At a time like this, it's been interesting to look back at Who We Are as a club. If you haven't seen this section on the club's new website, go take a look at our homepage at www.engineerscluboflincoln.org and click to read more under the Who We Are paragraph. It's exciting to think that we are fast approaching the 100-year anniversary of the club's official formation, but it's also interesting to note that the club began more informally as early as 1912. Given the current national and global situations, it may give one pause to think that Engineers Club of Lincoln has been through a lot, including two world wars, the Great Depression, protests, recessions, and global health pandemics. The fact that the club still exists after all of

these events, and that members continue to strive toward engineering excellence through the Scholarship Fund, provides testament to the resiliency and fortitude of engineers and engineering partners in a little old city in the Great Plains of America.

As the golf outing is the primary provider of funds for our Student Aid Scholarship, we are looking at ways that members can help to contribute to this endowment, to ensure that we continue to have a healthy foundation with which to support students who will go on to become engineers. If you have noticed on the club website, our 2020 Fundraising Goal was set at \$3,500, and we have only taken a tiny step toward reaching that amount. Because of this, we will be working with our partnering sponsors to determine if they can contribute in new ways toward the club and the endowment. We would also like to encourage our members to donate if possible. Whether you are able to donate the cost of one or two of our missed lunch meetings, or the cost of your green fees for the golf outing, or any other amount that may be possible, we would greatly appreciate any donations to support the club and our community efforts. Donations can very easily be made through the club's new website, but please feel free to contact any of your Board Members if you have any questions, or any ideas about potential fundraising options.

Thank you again to our members, we look forward to getting back to our regularly scheduled events as soon as possible. Until then, continue to stay healthy, continue to be an advocate for engineers and for the club, and watch for additional correspondence in the coming weeks and months.

With Regards,

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And on behalf of the 2020 Board