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Current position responsibilities? I manage the Customer Facing Engineering team which directly serves our customers and partners for scanning, printing and mobility products. This dedicated engineering team is equipped to deliver solutions for product issues, design enhancements and new product development opportunities within Honeywell Productivity Products.

Educational background? Mechanical and Optical Engineering

Who do you consider your professional mentors? Mehul Patel (*Legacy AIM Board Member*) and Marinedrive Piskaladhanabalan are two Honeywell CTOs that I have worked for over my years at Honeywell. They both challenged and pushed me hard, and though I may not have known it at the time, they were building me into a better engineer and leader. I will always be thankful for the guidance and training they provided me through the years. They opened many doors and opportunities for me I never would have thought possible.

Most valuable advice received: The difference between who you are and who you want to be.... is what you do.

How do you like to spend your free time? My very first passion was and will always be for the laser. Having purchased my first laser in grade school I have been obsessed with them ever since. Becoming an optical engineer and designing laser barcode scanners was a natural fit for me. To this day, I still enjoy sharing this passion for lasers and optics by performing educational laser shows for the local schools. In my spare time, I design and build the laser show projection equipment I use in my show demonstrations.

How long have you been a member of AIM? Honeywell has been a longtime member and supporter of AIM and through that affiliation I have also been a member. This is my first year being directly involved with AIM as a Board member.

What do you consider the most valuable aspect of membership in AIM? The industry is constantly evolving and changing and it can be hard to keep up. AIM is a single source where all this valuable information and education can be found. AIM serves as an effective bridge between the solution seekers and the solution makers. In this community, everyone can work together to get it right!

From your perspective, what do you see as:

the greatest challenges to the AIDC industry on a global basis? Addressing data privacy concerns and managing the mounting data

the greatest opportunities for the AIDC industry on a global basis? When considering the retail and shopping space, the end user has completely changed from the trained cashier to the common person who must now self-checkout. Realizing how the technology can be changed to improve this experience and the other valuable insights that can be obtained at this point of checkout is a new and great opportunity.

the “next big thing” or trend in the AIDC industry? As I write my answers to this questionnaire from my home office during the COVID-19 pandemic, the trend right now is to find more ways to keep people safe. Our world has been forever changed and many solutions in our industry will be required to navigate through this and possible future pandemics.

Any special message you would like to share with AIM members? It’s within an organization like AIM where BIG things can be accomplished together, and would likely be impossible if attempted alone.