The GIPC and their subject matter expert groups (SMEG) work closely to identify common industry issues and work together to find solutions that benefit the electronic component supply channel. Some areas that are currently being worked on are, eliminating human touch points when providing manufacturers Certificate of Compliance, documenting best practice examples for the handling and processing of tariffs and looking ahead to the day when we manage through the removal of tariffs. For the GIPC to accomplish these things, we need the right individuals to lead our SME groups and we currently have two openings among our six groups; one group leader for Environmental Compliance and another group leader for IT Security. An additional area of interest these days is the opportunities blockchain technology presents for our industry and we have organized a special working group to explore the possibilities. If you have an interest or know someone who may be interested in the GIPC, please contact Don Elario at delario@ecianow.org.