SPECIAL MESSAGE

IEEE Fellow Nominations

Computer Society members have not nominated their IEEE-CS associates for the Fellow grade with the same zeal as other IEEE group and society members. The Computer Society, substantially larger than other IEEE societies, has only a fraction of the number of nominees compared with the other larger societies. The innovations and successes in the computer field demonstrate that there is no lack of qualified candidates.

I urge a concerted effort to bring Fellow recognition to our most accomplished members. If you're an IEEE Senior Member or a Fellow, you can submit a nomination, and I'm sure most of you know qualified candidates. Please take a moment and think about who you think deserves consideration. Also pass along this appeal to your IEEE Computer Society acquaintances.

To be considered, completed nominations must be received by the IEEE Fellow Committee on or before April 30. You should send for your (free) nominations kit right away. Kits, complete with a nominations guide and forms, are available by writing to the staff secretary of the IEEE Fellow Committee, 345 East 47th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017; or by calling Ms. Dolores Riker (212) 644-7750 or Ms. Emily Sirjane (212) 644-7757. These people will also be happy to answer questions regarding the preparation of the nomination.

To help you now, here are some important points extracted from the "IEEE Guide for Fellow Grade Nomination":

The nominations are evaluated according to nine criteria by multiple reviewers, and the composite viewpoint is used in recommending suitable candidates to the Board of Directors for election to Fellow grade. Listed in the approximate order of importance, these are:

1. individual innovative contributions;
2. evaluation by an IEEE group or society (or more than one of them);
3. team contributions resulting from leadership and management clearly identified with the nominee;
4. publications and patents or other visible evidence of technical accomplishment;
5. Opinions of confidential references who know of the work of the candidate personally (where possible, these should be associated with organizations other than the candidate's own);
6. service to IEEE (and predecessor societies);
7. service in organizations other than IEEE;
8. opinions of endorsers; and
9. total years in the profession.

The technical contributions of the nominee are of paramount importance. Outstanding accomplishment resulting from team or company-wide effort, which can be clearly identified with technical leadership on the part of the candidate, will be recognized. Managerial success in major engineering and scientific endeavors has strong preference over commercial success.

The IEEE Bylaws require that the candidate being nominated shall hold Senior Member grade at the time the nomination is submitted. (If your candidate is not now a Senior Member this action should be instituted as soon as possible.) The IEEE Bylaws further provide that the candidate shall have been a member in any grade for a period of five years or more preceding January 1 of the year of election to Fellow grade. The year of election to the grade of Fellow is the year following affirmative action by the Board of Directors in conferring the grade of Fellow.

The nominator must see that at least five IEEE Fellows who are on the active IEEE membership roster serve as references. Their completed reference forms must be received by the Fellow Committee on or before April 30. (We can help you identify IEEE Fellows.) In addition, the nominator must solicit an evaluation from the appropriate group or society.

Nominators of fellow nominees whose major contribution has been in the computer field should send copies of the nomination package to me at the same time the package is sent to the Fellows Committee, so that my committee can complete our evaluation by the June 15 deadline. Send one complete package to each of the following addresses:

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We look forward to your help in recognizing the achievements of our members.

Joe Logue, Chairman
IEEE Fellows Committee