CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

to serve on Standards Balloting Bodies
for the Technical Committee on
Microcomputers & Microprocessors

Members of the Computer Society's TCMM (TC membership form appears on the next page—there is no fee to join) are asked to volunteer to serve on one or more balloting bodies. These balloting bodies are formed by the TC to consider recommending proposals for standards to the IEEE Standards Board for adoption. To reach this point, a proposal, which is a working document of a subcommittee (the working group), must have been voted out of committee—usually after years of development and resolution of differing approaches—and must have been recommended by vote of the Microcomputer Standards Committee (MSC). The MSC reviews the proposal for technical, procedural, and administrative correctness.

It is only after these rigorous tests that a proposal is submitted to the sponsoring TC for a consensus ballot. This is what is now about to occur. The balloting bodies are required to be relatively balanced in terms of the interests of users, manufacturers, and public interest groups. We also try for reasonably widespread geographical representation on the balloting bodies. If you wish to volunteer to serve on a balloting body, fill out and send in the form below.

You may serve on any number of the balloting bodies. Just copy the blank form and submit a separate volunteer form for each balloting body. If you are not yet a TC member, you can volunteer and submit your TC membership form at the same time (but to the different addresses shown on the respective forms). If you are unsure of your TC membership, just reapply (this should also update your mailing address in our records).

Balloting bodies are in the process of being formed for draft proposals of some of the projects listed on the previous page; these include P696R, P854, P856, P896, P959, P961, P970, P1000, P1014, P1101, P1196, and P1296. While you may volunteer to serve on as many of the balloting bodies as you wish, please do not volunteer frivolously. You will be expected to read and study the proposal and to react as an individual professional. Expertise and time are required. Usually, each mail ballot period extends for 30 days.

The ballot will give you essentially these four choices: approve the proposal, approve the proposal subject to minor changes you request, reject the proposal for cogent reasons you give, and abstain for the reason you give (lack of time, expertise, etc.)

For a proposal to pass its sponsor TC ballot, at least 75 percent of the issued ballots must be returned. Of the returned nonabstaining ballots, at least 75 percent must be favorable.

Reader Interest Survey
Indicate your interest in this department by circling the appropriate number on the Reader Interest Card.
High 189 Medium 190 Low 191

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BALLOTING BODY VOLUNTEER FORM FOR PROJECT P

Proposal name: __________________________ Date: ____________
Name: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
Work telephone: __________________ Home telephone: ____________
TWX __________________ IEEE Member ____________ CompMail ID: ____________

With respect to this project's proposal, my interest is that of (circle ONE category):

a USER, a MANUFACTURER, a PUBLIC INTEREST party

Please explain why this is the correct category for your interest:

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Please describe how your expertise would add to the balloting body and what interest group (if any) your vote would represent:

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RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

Dr. Michael Smolin, TCMM Standards Coordinator, 3428 Greer Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.