Fellow Nominations for the Class of 2019 are Due March 1, 2018

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The IEEE Fellow Grade

As the IEEE says on this link https://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/fellows/index.html: “IEEE Fellow is a distinction reserved for select IEEE members whose extraordinary accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest are deemed fitting of this prestigious grade elevation.” Fellow nominees must be a Senior Member of the IEEE.

IEEE Fellow nominees are classified into the following four categories:

1. Application Engineer/Practitioner
2. Educator
3. Research Engineer/Scientist
4. Technical Leader

There is no grading between these four categories.

Steps to Becoming a Fellow

The Nominator

According to the IEEE Fellow Committee (per Operations Manual dated 2017) any person, including non-IEEE members, may serve as a Nominator, except as noted at the beginning of Section 9 and in the following additional requirements:

- Self-nominations shall not be permitted
- IEEE Society/Technical Committee-Fellow Evaluation Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs shall not serve as Nominators for any Nominee

First, the nominator has to select one of the four categories from the list above. Then one specific accomplishment of the nominee must be identified. This accomplishment must fit the chosen category. All the following comments, references and endorsement letters must focus on this accomplishment.

The document "How to Write an Effective Nomination" can be found at https://www.ieee.org/membership_services/fellows-nominations-2017.pdf. This explains how to avoid major mistakes when completing the nomination. Note that it is still necessary to provide in minimum five and in maximum eight references. These references must be from an IEEE Fellow.

Furthermore, it turns out that letters of endorsement play a significant role. These letters of endorsement should point out the mentioned major accomplishment.

The Society Evaluation Board receives the nominations and the letters of endorsement. The references are only visible to the IEEE Fellow Committee.

Time Schedule

The fixed deadline to deliver the online nomination is March 1, 2018!

Between April 15 and June 15, the EMC Society Fellow Committee will evaluate the EMC Society Fellow nominations.

Between July 1 and September 1, the IEEE Fellow Committee will review the submitted nominations.

Conclusion

If you are interested in nominating a colleague for the IEEE Fellow membership grade, it is strongly recommended that you read and follow the document “How to Write an Effective Nomination”. This document explains in an impressive way the “do’s and don’ts” of preparing a nomination. Please be aware that the total number of Fellow recommendations in any one year must not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the IEEE voting membership on record as of 31 December of the year preceding. This means that only 300 persons or less (based on current IEEE membership numbers) will be lucky each year in obtaining the IEEE Fellow membership grade.

I wish you success!

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