Dear IEEE Communications Society Voting Members:

Our annual election is quickly approaching! Here you will find the position statements and biographies of an outstanding slate of candidates to lead the IEEE Communications Society.

Please consider the candidates’ individual position statements and descriptions of prior experience – and then cast your votes beginning 29 May 2015 and by no later than 24 July 2015. You will be voting for 5 Vice Presidents and four Members-at-Large on the Board of Governors.

In addition to the Vice Presidential slate, each ballot will contain three slates for our Members-at-Large position: a) one composed of 6 candidates from NA/LA (the Americas), b) one composed of 3 candidates from EMEA, and c) one composed of 3 candidates from AP regions. All voting members may select up to 2 from the NA/LA slate, up to 1 from the EMEA slate, and up to 1 from the AP slate. The top 2 vote-getters from the NA/LA slate, the top vote-getter from the EMEA slate, and the top vote-getter from the AP slate will serve for a three-year term on the Board of Governors starting 1 January 2016.

In our election process, ComSoc continues to offer electronic-first balloting. For those who might not receive electronic notifications or opt for a paper ballot, that, too, will be available. The election will end 24 July 2015. If you do not receive a ballot email from ieee-comsocvote@ieee.org on 29 May 2015 or a paper ballot by 30 June 2015, but you feel your membership was valid before 1 May 2015, you may e-mail ieee-comsocvote@ieee.org or call +1 732 562 3904 to check your member status and request a ballot. (Provide your member number, full name, and address.)

In prior elections the issue of inappropriate “electioneering” has occasionally arisen. Please be reminded of IEEE policy on that matter, found at: http://eleccomm.ieee.org/email-policy.shtml. Specifically, Sections 4.1.1 and 5.7 are the basis for a long-standing Communications Society practice that IEEE and ComSoc e-mail lists must not be used for electioneering. Please show good judgment on behalf of all our voting members. At the same time, we are encouraging the candidates to make their views known, either by directly contacting or asking their supporters to reach out to friends and colleagues in their own professional communities.

Please be sure to vote!

Sincerely,

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