

**IEEE Communications Society
Volunteer Position Overview
Members-at-Large**

Title: Member at Large, Board of Governors

Term of Position: Three years. Four of the twelve Members at Large of the Board are elected each year, taking office in January of the following year.

The MAL position on the Board of Governors is a serious commitment because he/she represents and speaks for the membership of the Society. A member-at-large is expected to attend all Board of Governors meetings during his/her term (2 meetings per year for 3 years).

How Selected: Elected by the full membership. The election slate is designed so that the number of candidates from each major region of the world is roughly proportional to the proportion of ComSoc membership in that region, and the number of votes allowed to each voting member is less than the number of positions to be filled, increasing the likelihood that the four elected individuals will roughly reflect the world distribution of members.

Regions 1-6	(US, membership 58%)	6 candidates
Region 7	(Canada, Membership 6%)	1 candidate
Region 8	(EAME, membership 16%)	2 candidates
Region 9	(LA, membership 4%)	1 candidate
Region 10	(AP, membership 16%)	2 candidates

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Area: Board of Governors

Overview: A Member at Large of the Board of Governors shares responsibility with other elected Board members for reviewing the executive actions of the Society's officers and professional staff; discussing and approving the Society's budget; and voting on all major initiatives and resource commitments of the Society. A Member at Large is selected from each year group as a member of OpCom and is expected to attend two OpCom meeting annually as well as the two BoG meetings.

MALs represent the ComSoc members on the BoG and have a responsibility to vote on issues and proposals judiciously for the good of the membership and the Society. Between BoG and OpCom meetings, members-at-large will participate in frequent e-mail discussions on various topics as they arise (via a BoG e-mail alias). In those discussions, they will often be called upon to cast their votes (via e-mail). This means of handling issues has become an important aspect of the position

This position requires an individual of recognized stature and integrity in the profession who is willing and able to commit the necessary significant amount of time, energy, and skill. Travel funding to Society business meetings will be provided to Board members although reliance on employer travel support, if available, is encouraged for travel to Board meetings at ICC and Globecom conferences.

Time Required: A Member at Large should expect to spend about one day per month of business time attending to Communication Society business. It is expected that the Member's employer understands and supports this commitment.

Qualifications: At least Member level in IEEE. Academic degree(s) in a field relevant to the Communications Society, including (but not restricted to) electrical engineering and computer science.