

IEEE Communications Society

Volunteer Position Overview

President-Elect / President

Title: President-Elect/President

Term of Position: One year as President-Elect followed by two years as President. Election in even year for President-Elect term beginning in January of the following (odd) year. Voting member of Board of Governors.

How Selected: Elected by full membership.

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Area: Executive

Description: The President of the IEEE Communications Society is responsible for leading the Society's strategic initiatives in products, services, and external relations; representing the Society within and outside IEEE; enhancing the growth and stature of the Society; and safeguarding its activities and assets. The President appoints all Directors and Standing Committee Chairs of the Society with the advice of the elected officers to whom they report; chairs the Board of Governors (BoG), the Operating Committee (OpCom) and the Staff and Facilities Committee and presides at their meetings. The President is a voting member of the IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB).

The President is responsible for the monthly "President's Page in Communications Magazine and participates in meetings with other societies and institutions with which the Communications Society has collegial or business relations. The President's office has its own budget for travel to Society business meetings by the President and Board of Governors Members at Large, and for other urgent, limited needs.

This demanding job requires an individual of recognized stature and integrity in the profession, with excellent communication and managerial skills, who is willing and able to commit a substantial portion of his or her time, energy, and skill.

Time Required: The incumbent President should expect to spend 20 - 40% of his or her business time attending to Communication Society business, and a significant amount of personal time, including several entire weekends per year. It is expected that the President's employer understands and supports this commitment.

Qualifications: At least Senior 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.