Call for Nominations: MGA Treasurer and Vice Chairs - 23 July Deadline

The MGA Nominations and Appointments (N&A) Committee is soliciting nominations for the 2011 MGA Treasurer, 2011 MGA Vice Chairs, and 2011 MGA Committee memberships. In order to give the MGA N&A Committee an opportunity to prepare and distribute the slate of candidates, the following deadlines have been established (23 July extended from 1 July).

- 23 July - Candidates for MGA Treasurer and MGA Vice Chairs
- 23 July - Candidates for Chairs/Members of:
  - IEEE Admission and Advancement Committee
  - IEEE Life Members Committee
  - MGA Individual Benefits and Services Committee
  - MGA Nominations and Appointments Committee
- 1 November - Candidates for other MGA Committee Chairs/Members

In accordance with the IEEE globalization initiative and in an attempt to ensure that MGA is globally balanced, each Region is requested to submit nominations. The Region nominating committee might consider members or past members who are familiar with Region affairs and gave excellent service. A complete list of available MGA positions, the MGA online nomination form, and information on the MGA Nominations and Appointments process are available. As a reminder, self-nominations are encouraged. An individual does not need to be nominated by a colleague in order to be considered.
Recognizing Outstanding IEEE Volunteers - MGA Awards

You can help recognize the efforts of outstanding volunteers by nominating someone for one of the prestigious Member and Geographic Activities (MGA) Awards. Each prestigious award has a unique mission and criteria and offers the opportunity to honor distinguished colleagues, inspiring teachers, and corporate leaders.

If you know someone who has made substantial Regional contributions through innovative projects, exemplary leadership, service, or by fulfilling the goals as related to transnational activities, consider nominating them for one of the following awards:

- MGA Achievement Award
- MGA Innovation Award
- MGA Leadership Award
- MGA Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award
- MGA GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Achievement Award

Please complete the Online Award Nomination Form. The deadline for nominations is 15 October 2010. Please e-mail MGA Awards with questions.

REMINDER - Access to IEEE Membership Data via SAMIEEE

All Section Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) and all IEEE Technical Chapter Chairs (including Technical Chapter Chairs of IEEE Technical Councils) have automatic access to SAMIEEE. SAMIEEE is a web enabled tool that provides IEEE volunteers access to the IEEE membership data of individuals within their geographic unit or technical area (i.e., Society). Examples of what you can do via SAMIEEE:

- find out who is a current IEEE member
- download member contact information
- find out how many GOLD members are in your Area/Society

Predefined queries have been created, but users can also create customized queries and download results. Training Modules for SAMIEEE have been developed, so you can learn SAMIEEE at your own pace.

2010 IEEE Honors Ceremony to be Streamed Live via IEEE.tv

The 2010 IEEE Honors Ceremony will again be streamed live through IEEE.tv. This year’s ceremony will take place Saturday, 26 June, at Le Windsor, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, at 5:30 p.m. EDT (21:30 UTC).
Andrew J. Viterbi, IEEE Life Fellow, developer of the Viterbi Algorithm and co-founder of Qualcomm Incorporated, will be presented with the IEEE Medal of Honor for contributions to communications technology. Viterbi and Irwin Jacobs helped develop Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) technology which applied spread spectrum to cellular phones.

For the second year, the ceremony will also honor IEEE Student members who were selected as winners in the IEEE Presidents’ Change the World Competition. The competition challenged students to address humanitarian problems by developing original and creative solutions. Find out more about the Honors Ceremony.

Smart Grid Initiative Continues to Build Momentum

The Smart Grid Initiative is making significant progress toward achieving its goal of having IEEE be recognized as the professional home for those focused on Smart Grid. Some activity highlights include:

- The Smart Grid Web portal continues to see growth with more than 30,000 visits from over 80 countries.
- Smart Grid Day video presentations from the recent IEEE Transmission and Distribution PES Conference are available.
- The first issue of IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy was published in April, and the first issue of IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid will be published in June.
- There are various upcoming Smart Grid Conferences.

We continue to seek to broaden the number of Societies, Councils, and Geographic Regions involved in the Smart Grid Initiative. In particular, we are looking for Smart Grid-related content from across the globe to post on our Web portal. If you have such content, please e-mail Larry Pickett, the IEEE Smart Grid Marketing Manager.

If you are working in the Smart Grid area and want to participate in the project, we invite you to “Get Involved.” Please e-mail Harold Tepper, IEEE Smart Grid Senior Technical Project Manager, with questions or for more specific information.

Public Visibility Initiative Launches IEEE Green Your World Challenge

Take the IEEE Green Your World Challenge today. In support of the United Nations World Environment Day (WED) 2010, the IEEE Public Visibility Initiative is waging an awareness campaign to celebrate the positive impact global sustainability technologies have made on the environment.

On 1 June 2010, IEEE initiated a call-to-action: asking all members and citizens of the world to accept the IEEE Green Your World Challenge and commit to making simple lifestyle changes that can benefit humanity and the environment. They include recycling electronics products, reducing in-home water usage, unplugging electronics that are not being used, and reforesting your community by planting a tree.
or garden. Read the full press release. Over the last two weeks:

- 36% of challenge participants pledged to take the Every Drop Counts challenge and reduce their daily water usage
- 22% participated in the Reforest Your Community challenge by planting a tree
- 19% participated in the Unplug ‘Energy Vampires’ challenge and unplugged stand-by electronics
- 13% participated in the Step into the Light challenge by replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent (CFLs) or Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights
- 10% participated in the Be an e-Waste Hero challenge by recycling old electronics.

Register your commitment at the IEEE Green Your World Challenge Web site, which has received over 7,000 page views since it was launched, and receive regular updates via Twitter feed. After taking the challenge, participants can visit the official IEEE Green Your World Challenge Facebook Page (with over 300 fans) to see which challenges people have taken around the globe and encourage others to participate.

Sale on All IEEE Logo Items in the IEEE Merchandise Store

Looking for a new IEEE logo hat, shirt, or gift? Look no further! Take advantage of great prices and the convenience of shopping online for IEEE logo items not found anywhere else. Shipping discounts are available for all international orders. Check out the sale at the IEEE Merchandise Store.

Nomination Process for IEEE Fellow Class of 2012 is Now Open

The nomination period is now open for the IEEE Fellow Class of 2012 and will continue through 1 March 2011. Nominees for Fellow must be an IEEE Senior Member or IEEE Life Senior Member with contributions that have advanced engineering, science, and technology, bringing significant value to society. Members can be nominated in one of four categories: application engineer/practitioner, educator, research engineer/scientist, or technical leader.

Please visit the IEEE Fellow Web page for more information, detailed instructions for preparing the application, and required forms. Please use the online application for nomination and be sure to review the Before You Submit Checklist. Using the online process, once you have submitted the completed application, notification is automatically sent to references and endorsers, alerting them that they have been asked to help with the nomination. This online application will save you a great deal of time, and you can monitor replies throughout the entire process. Please e-mail IEEE Fellows Staff with questions.

Inactive Chapter and Affinity Group Notices

Each year, after Sections, Subsections, Chapters, and Affinity Groups have submitted meeting activity reports for the prior year and rebates have been mailed, a report is run of the subgroups that have NOT met the minimum required number of meetings for the year. To remain viable and to be considered
active, Chapters must hold two (2) or more technical meetings each year, and Affinity Groups must hold at least two (2) meetings of any category. A notice regarding the inactive or under-active units is sent to their Chairs and to their administrative parent (Section or Council) officers. Summary reports of these subunits are sent to Region Directors, Region Chapter Coordinators, Division Directors, Society Presidents, Society Chapter Coordinators, and Society Executive Directors.

The point of these notices and reports is not to cause embarrassment, but rather, they are sent as a “heads up” that these units may be having difficulties. Perhaps they need assistance with Section/Chapter Rejuvenation Strategies - new volunteers, more financial support, a new place to meet, or ideas for new speakers. Sometimes they may simply be forgetting to report unit meetings, so all that is needed is a reminder. Please e-mail MGA Staff for assistance with Rejuvenation Strategies.

Note to Newsletter Editors and Webmasters

When you publish any information pertaining to the IEEE Annual Election, all efforts should be made to ensure its accuracy. If you plan to publish information on a candidate, please offer the other candidate(s) in that election category the same opportunity. You can check with Corporate Activities election staff or refer to the election Web page for the most accurate and up-to-date information on all candidates and election categories. Please e-mail Carrie Loh with questions.

IEEE GOLD to Host Upcoming Webinar

IEEE Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) invites IEEE members to attend an upcoming Webinar in June:

- “Perspectives on Smart Grid from Generation to the Meter and Into the Home,” presented by Dr. Alan Mantooth, will describe many of the Smart Grid concepts that people have espoused, starting with generation and transmission, progressing into distribution, and onto the meter. The description will delve both into the home and workplace, describing cool features consumers may see in the coming months and years. This event will be held on Thursday, 24 June 2010, at 2:00-3:00pm EDT (18:00 UTC). View more information and/or register.

Information about other future and archived Webinars can be found on the IEEE GOLD Events Web page.

PREVIOUS HEADLINES

- myIEEE Adds myDesktop Customization Options
- Check Out memberNet Messaging
- Join Us for the 5th Annual Panel of Conference Organizers (POCO)
- Master Brand + Tagline Graphic Now Available for Download

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- Enhancing the members' growth and development through their life cycle
- Providing a professional home

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