

2017 IEEE Annual Election

Candidates for IEEE Division VI Delegate-Elect/Director-Elect, 2018



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What do you believe are the major issues facing the IEEE?

IEEE has a responsibility and opportunity to address some of the toughest questions in our world: from autonomous systems that will change the face of work to the impact technology has on our children's lives to the contribution of technology to solving issues in the world today. Achieving the promise of technology requires building community trust in us as technologists.

IEEE itself is not exempt from the impact of changing technology, and we also need to evolve our business models to maintain the resources we need to grow IEEE as a global organization advancing technology for humanity.

What do you think is the number one goal for the IEEE leadership?

IEEE is the leading volunteer organization in its fields. This is only possible through cooperation between a large and active volunteer community and an expert committed professional staff. This is an incredibly rare achievement. The number one goal for the IEEE leadership should be to maintain this balance as circumstances around us change, ensuring that many of the brightest minds are attracted to technology as a career, that members have the motivation to play an active leadership role despite their hectic professional lives, and that we have resources to maintain the critical staff support.



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The last year we saw a proposal to change our way as IEEE volunteer move inside the IEEE management and organization. All the Organizational Units and IEEE will face a period of reflection to see which is the future that we would like (as a strong organization providing services to our members) and being prepared for the changes that 2020 will bring to us.

Our Division VI is not exempt from these changes and we must deal with social changes as well as organizational changes finding the synergy in our seven Societies that will share the future inside the Division.

What do you think is the number one goal for the IEEE leadership?

A goal inside IEEE leadership is to bring to each one of the members the possibility to be involved in as well as they could provide to the rest of the members their ability and knowledge/service.

We are facing a change on the volunteer paradigm (as we are having in other professional societies or inside the education world) where engagement must be a part of the equation as well as the assessment should be included inside the volunteer activities to see how they are performing the activities and how they see the feedback (actions) they receive from the IEEE.

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What motivates you and what qualifies you for the position you are seeking?

My personal passion for volunteering in IEEE comes from a hope to gain more social benefit from technology, working more inclusively, being smart in the way we tackle really tough technology challenges. This has led me to play an active role in several areas of IEEE including Technical Activities, Standards, and Region 10. This has included initiatives related to technology (blockchain), industry sector (financial services) and ideas (particularly on ethics and the work of Norbert Wiener, founder of cybernetics).

The skills I bring include risk management, project management, board of directors experience and training, policy development and influencing skills.



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My motivation inside my IEEE positions are the volunteer career development of the members of the organizational units where I was serving as well as to focus on providing opportunities for the members to allow them a successful volunteer experience and to bring them new leadership ways of collaboration.

I may show-up as some Awards inside my professional career, Digital Equipment Corporation Award of "EIS Excellence", TAAE Award to the Professional Life, IEEE EDUCON Meritorious Service Award, Distinguished Member Award and Edwin C. Jones, Jr. Meritorious Service Award of the IEEE Education Society and IEEE EDUNINE Meritorious Service Award.