

2017 IEEE Annual Election

Candidates for IEEE Region 1 Delegate-Elect/Director-Elect, 2018-2019



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

Membership decline from student to full member, perception of our members on the membership value, fast pace of change in our society from both technological and cultural perspectives, and lack of resources to assist our members find secure jobs are the main issues in my opinion.

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

The number one goal is to serve members. My main goal is to increase member satisfaction by providing them with high value consistent with recent advancement in our modern life, not the same old local chapter services that we keep repeating and they just do not seem to work.



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

We continuously face the issue of remaining relevant to our younger and future members. We must be aware that the value proposition that attracted and maintains the current mainstream membership, may very well not be the value proposition that will attract the membership of tomorrow. Relevancy and value are personal in nature, and our ability to stay close to this new segment and to achieve member intimacy... the ability to understand desires and needs... is essential for our long-term survival. It is in delivering true member value, defined by those who receive it, that we will succeed.

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

I think we must simplify and focus. I strongly believe that doing a select number of things very well is significantly better than doing many not so well. For me, I would say become a data driven organization that uses user/member satisfaction as well as financial data to neck down to things that are both needed, from a member point of view, and successful from a performance excellence point of view. It is nothing more than understanding your core competencies and then focusing on them to deliver value.

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

I have tremendously benefited from IEEE networking opportunities and feel obligated to expand those benefits to other fellow IEEE members. Working at both industry and academia for over 20 years, volunteer work for IEEE at student branch, section, technical chapters, region, MGA, conferences and society level, and my senior administration and time management experience combined, help me contribute efficiently to this complex position.



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My experience at the Section, Region, and RAB/MGA and IEEE levels give me a broad view of the Institute. My years in the various Vice Chair positions at RAB/MGA give me a good understanding of my role as a Regional Director in the MGA Board. Additionally, my professional life finally allows me to have the significant amount of time that this role requires. Lastly, whereas I may be vocal about issues I find in need of improvement within the IEEE, my passion and dedication to the Institute and my willingness to serve to make things better, continues to be there.

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