

2017 IEEE Annual Election

Candidates for IEEE Region 3 Delegate-Elect/Director-Elect, 2018-2019



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

IEEE is my professional home. It has helped me achieve technical and leadership success through active participation in local meetings, and through serving as a volunteer. IEEE has also vastly expanded my professional and personal network. I have seen how IEEE gives back, to my employees, my employer, my community, and the world! The major issue facing IEEE is that not all members have that same experience; if they did, member retention would not be an issue. The first step toward resolving the issue is through engaging the member at the local level.

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

IEEE leadership is the support system for our members and volunteers. The primary goal should be to provide members what they need and what they are interested in. The challenge is the diversity of our membership! Many member needs must be met at the local level. Finding ways to simplify volunteer positions by providing training and tools will help us reach that goal by empowering local leadership. At a broader level, visibility of projects that impact humanity needs to be improved – so that members can find opportunities to participate, and can take pride in IEEE's global significance.



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

I believe that the major issue facing IEEE is membership growth. IEEE must offer perceived value that exceeds the cost of membership in order to grow. We must better engage members and especially students so we do not lose them in the transition to full membership.

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

The number one goal for IEEE leadership should be improving member engagement. When members are engaged, they will better see the incredible value that IEEE offers.

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

Many people have helped me along my career path; I can show my appreciation by paying it forward. That is my motivation. I believe I can reach more people through IEEE service than through any other means. I have served in many IEEE positions, providing recognition to deserving individuals by serving on many awards committees, helping chapters build stronger programs as the Computer Society Geographic Activities Chair, and improving the training of volunteers through multiple committees and projects. As Region 3 Director, I will continue to expand my outreach and service to others, to help them reach their own goals.

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I am excited to have the opportunity to give back to the industry that has made such a profound impact on our world and has provided amazing opportunities for me personally. My sixteen plus years of IEEE volunteer leader experience have been spread over many of the of IEEE empires. This experience gives me excellent insights into how to get things done in the behemoth known as IEEE.

Balloting starts on 15 August 2017

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