The IEEE Board of Directors approves changes to the *IEEE Bylaws* and *IEEE Policies* from time to time. This document is updated on a regular basis and the most current version will be provided to all candidates running for office or seeking nomination by petition.
Key Deadlines

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 15 March 2016   | Slate of nominated candidates for inclusion on the 2016 IEEE Annual   | Slate of nominated candidates for inclusion on the 2016 IEEE Annual Election ballot must be received by the IEEE Board of Directors by 15 March 2016. Slates shall be accompanied by each candidate’s written acceptance of his or her nomination.  
**Bylaw I-307.6 Submission of Slates**  
Submit slates to Carrie Loh at c.loh@ieee.org. |
| (Tuesday)       | Election ballot must be received by the IEEE Board of Directors by   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | 15 March 2016. Slates shall be accompanied by each candidate’s written acceptance of his or her nomination.  
**Bylaw I-307.6 Submission of Slates**  
Submit slates to Carrie Loh at c.loh@ieee.org.|
| 15 April 2016   | Individual voting members who wish to circulate a petition shall    | Individual voting members who wish to circulate a petition shall submit a petition draft to the Board of Directors no earlier than 1 May of the year preceding the election and no later than 15 April of the year of the election.  
**Policy 13.7.3. Petitions and Signature Requirements**  
Contact Carrie Loh at c.loh@ieee.org. |
| (Friday)        | submit a petition draft to the Board of Directors no earlier than 1 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | May of the year preceding the election and no later than 15 April   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | of the year of the election.                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 18 April 2016   | All nominated candidate materials within the specified number of    | All nominated candidate materials within the specified number of words must be received by the election staff by the first working day following 15 April 2016. Materials due:  
- Biography  
- IEEE Accomplishments and Activities  
- Candidate Statement  
- Candidate photograph taken after 15 August 2014  
**Policy 13.7 Nominations and Elections – Ballot Material**  
Submit materials to Carrie Loh at c.loh@ieee.org. |
| (Monday)        | words must be received by the election staff by the first working   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | day following 15 April 2016. Materials due:  
- Biography  
- IEEE Accomplishments and Activities  
- Candidate Statement  
- Candidate photograph taken after 15 August 2014  
**Policy 13.7 Nominations and Elections – Ballot Material**  
Submit materials to Carrie Loh at c.loh@ieee.org.|
| 1 May 2016      | Slate of nominated candidates is announced by the Board (all        | Slate of nominated candidates is announced by the Board (all successful petition candidates will be included if they meet all the petition requirements before the article is finalized for publication).  
**Bylaw I-307.8 Voting Members Candidate Notification** |
| (Friday)        | successful petition candidates will be included if they meet all  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | the petition requirements before the article is finalized for  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | publication).                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 13 May 2016     | By 12:00 noon Eastern Time USA (16:00 UTC), all petition signatures | By 12:00 noon Eastern Time USA (16:00 UTC), all petition signatures must be received by election staff to be counted (paper form via postal mail or electronic via petition website).  
**Bylaw I-307.9 Petition Candidates**  
Submit all petition signatures for processing to Carrie Loh at c.loh@ieee.org.  
**Note: New deadline approved by BoD 11/2014** |
| (Friday)        | must be received by election staff to be counted (paper form via  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | postal mail or electronic via petition website).                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20 May 2016     | Candidate materials from successful petitioners within the        | Candidate materials from successful petitioners within the specified number of words must be received by the election staff for inclusion in the ballot package. Materials due:  
- Biography  
- IEEE Accomplishments and Activities  
- Candidate Statement  
- Candidate photograph taken after 15 August 2014  
**Policy 13.7 Nominations and Elections – Ballot Material** |
| (Friday)        | specified number of words must be received by the election staff  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | for inclusion in the ballot package. Materials due:  
- Biography  
- IEEE Accomplishments and Activities  
- Candidate Statement  
- Candidate photograph taken after 15 August 2014  
**Policy 13.7 Nominations and Elections – Ballot Material** |
| 10 June 2016    | By 12:00 noon Eastern Time USA (16:00 UTC), all candidate material  | By 12:00 noon Eastern Time USA (16:00 UTC), all candidate material approvals must be submitted to the election staff. Material approval not received from the candidate by the deadline will be omitted from the election materials provided to the membership (print and electronic formats).  
**Policy 13.7.2. Photographs; Biographies; IEEE Election Website**  
Submit material approvals to Carrie Loh at c.loh@ieee.org. |
<p>| (Friday)        | approvals must be submitted to the election staff. Material      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | approval not received from the candidate by the deadline will be  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | omitted from the election materials provided to the membership   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 | (print and electronic formats).                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Instructions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>30 June 2016 (Thursday)</td>
<td>Ballots will be created for all eligible voting members on record on 30 June 2016 (GSM grade or higher).</td>
<td>Bylaw I-307.11 Ballot Submission Schedule&lt;br&gt;Forward all eligibility questions to Carrie Loh at <a href="mailto:c.loh@ieee.org">c.loh@ieee.org</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 August 2016 (Monday)</td>
<td>Ballot packages will be mailed to eligible voting members who were on record on 30 June 2016.</td>
<td>Bylaw I-307.11 Ballot Submission Schedule&lt;br&gt;Forward ballot package questions or member inquiries to Carrie Loh at <a href="mailto:c.loh@ieee.org">c.loh@ieee.org</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 October 2016 (Monday)</td>
<td>Balloting period ends at 12:00 noon Central Time USA (17:00 UTC).</td>
<td>Bylaw I-307.14 Ballot Marking; Voting; Tellers Committee Announcement; Election Results&lt;br&gt;All ballots received after the deadline will not be counted. They will only be opened for “white mail” (i.e., renewal payment, address change request, etc.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 2016 (date to be announced)</td>
<td>IEEE Tellers Committee meets to certify the annual election results. Following certification of results, candidates will be notified.</td>
<td>Bylaw I-307.14 Ballot Marking; Voting; Tellers Committee Announcement; Election Results&lt;br&gt;Principal proponents and opponents of each proposed Constitutional Amendment will be advised of the Tellers Committee tally of votes applicable to their respective Constitutional Amendment proposals. Unofficial results for all offices will be posted on the annual election website after all candidates have been notified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20-21 November 2016 (Sunday-Monday)</td>
<td>IEEE Board of Directors acts to accept the annual election results submitted by the IEEE Tellers Committee. Election results become official.</td>
<td>Bylaw I-307.14 Ballot Marking; Voting; Tellers Committee Announcement; Election Results</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Candidate Biographical Materials**

Candidates are requested to provide information and materials that will be used to prepare the ballot materials. Sample candidate biographies, IEEE activities and accomplishments and statements will be provided to all candidates electronically. Print samples are available upon request. All candidates are requested to provide the following materials:

1. **Candidate photograph:**
   - Photograph must be taken on or after 15 August 2014
   - As required by IEEE Policy, candidates are required to attest the photograph age (short email stating when or if the photograph was taken after 15 August 2014)
Photograph format is high-quality digital color in either TIFF or JPEG format, 300 DPI resolution, and minimum size of five inches across when printed

Policy 13.7.2.A.

2. Candidate biography:
   - Word count limit is 150 words
   - Personal biography should round out the profile of the candidate’s experience outside IEEE activities
   - The recommended writing of the biography is in third person (i.e., biography format used by authors in IEEE journals and publications)
   - Policy 13.7.2.B.

3. IEEE accomplishments and services:
   - Word count limit is 300 words
   - Factual summary of IEEE accomplishments and services to the IEEE
   - Text formats:
     - Paragraphs
     - Bulleted lists
     - Numbered lists
     - Bold and italic text
   - Policy 13.7.2.C.

4. Candidate Statement:
   - Candidate statement lengths:
     - Election Office | Candidate Statement Length
       IEEE President-Elect | 250 words
       IEEE-SA President-Elect | 200 words
       IEEE-USA President-Elect | 200 words
       Technical Activities Vice President-Elect | 200 words
       Region Delegate-Elect/Director-Elect | 175 words
       Division Delegate-Elect/Director-Elect | 175 words
       IEEE-SA Board of Governors Member-at-Large | 150 words
       IEEE-USA Member-at-Large | 150 words
   - Policy 13.7.1.E.

5. Personal website URL (optional):
   - IEEE will not be hosting or supporting personal candidate websites.
   - Candidate materials (print and electronic) will include a link to one personal candidate website URL if it was provided by the candidate by 10 June 2016.
   - Personal websites will need to include the following disclaimer prominently displayed on the web pages “The opinions expressed on this website are the opinions of the author and not necessarily the opinions of the IEEE.”
   - There is no limit on the amount of material or information posted on the personal candidate website.

**Word Count**

All candidate materials shall be written in English and must not exceed the maximum word length requirement. To determine number of words (Policy 13.7.1.E.):

- precede IEEE by an article and count both as one word
- count an acronym as one word
• count a discrete alphanumeric as one word—for example, 21st in 21st Century counts as one word
• titles and other properly hyphenated words shall be counted as one word

Statements exceeding the maximum length shall be returned to authors for editing. Typed, edited copies shall be provided electronically to those who submitted them for their comments. If the decision is to publish a statement in a form not satisfactory to the candidate or initiator, the candidate or initiator shall have the option of asking that no statement be published.

**Equal Opportunity**

Equal opportunity shall be provided to all nominated candidates and successful candidates nominated by petition for the same elective position. The editor, conference chair or other individual responsible for the activity shall determine the information to be presented or published, within the guidelines established by the governing body of that organizational unit, provided all candidates are treated equally. ([Policy 13.3.C. Means of Informing Members of IEEE Organizational Units](#)).

If you are offered the opportunity to be published in any IEEE publication (print or electronic) in connection with your candidacy, please request that your opponent(s) be offered equal opportunity in the publication.

**Electioneering**

Candidates are individuals who have been approved to have their names appear on an official slate by an IEEE organizational unit. Petitioners (namely Individuals who are in the process of collecting signatures on a petition to become candidates) are not considered candidates until the pertinent organizational unit has determined that their petition has met the conditions that would make the petitioner an official candidate. Candidates and petitioners shall follow the electioneering guidelines.

Members may be informed of the candidates’ views and of issues pertaining to initiatives through messages sent by the candidate to potential voters (e.g., by postal mail and electronic mail), publications and related means (such as websites and portals) created and maintained by the candidate and/or the candidate’s supporters, Board/Society/Council/Region/Section or Chapter meetings, conferences and publications. Equal opportunities shall be provided to all candidates for the same elective position. The editor, conference chair or other individual responsible for the activity shall determine the information to be presented or published, within the guidelines established by the governing body of that organizational unit, provided all candidates are treated equally.

The sending and management of candidate messages and candidate publications are governed by the IEEE Policy on Mailing Lists and Rosters (Section 14) and may be regulated further by guiding documents recommended by the IEEE Election Oversight Committee and approved by the IEEE Board of Directors.

In all communication with potential voters, candidates and their supporters should:

• Include provisions for opting out from future communications
• Include reminders about the need of recipients to adhere to IEEE policies, especially IEEE Policy on Mailing Lists and Rosters (Section 14)
• Avoid practices that would be interpreted by a reasonably prudent person as obtrusive or failing under the category of “spam”.

**IEEE Election Oversight Committee**

The Election Oversight Committee will assist the IEEE in adjudicating election-related matters in the IEEE Annual Election and other IEEE elections. The Committee will also provide advice and guidance on electioneering related
matters and recommend appropriate changes to electioneering procedures, oversee electioneering related
information that flows from members, volunteers and staff on the way the elections process is progressing, and
advise candidates if violations are detected. This Committee will also inform the IEEE President, Secretary and
Executive Director of such violations and make recommendations for actions. This Committee reports directly to
the IEEE President. (Bylaw I-307.16. Oversight for Election Irregularities)

Violations of IEEE Electioneering Policies by Candidates and Other Members
Electronic electioneering process and adherence to the guidelines will be monitored during the election year.
Alleged violations of IEEE electioneering policies shall be referred to the IEEE Election Oversight Committee. The
Committee may correspond with candidates and others, gather information, and provide guidance and advice. The
Committee is responsible for timely investigation of allegations of violations and for providing the head of the
related major organizational unit with recommendations for action if a violation is verified, and if, in the judgment
of the Committee, the extent of the violation requires additional action. In this case, the Committee may
recommend that candidates be advised of a violation, censured officially by the major organizational unit, or have
their candidacy terminated by the major organizational unit (Policy 13.3.F. Violations of IEEE Electioneering Policies
by Candidates and Other Members)

The Election Oversight Committee may recommend to the IEEE President that Annual Election candidates be
censured officially, be advised of a violation, or have their candidacy terminated, in line with the process outlined
in IEEE Bylaw I-307.16.

The Election Oversight Committee, may recommend to the respective major organization unit that other election
candidates be censured officially, that candidates be advised of a violation, or have their candidacy terminated. If
the Election Oversight Committee recommends termination of candidacy, its recommendation shall include
additional guidance concerning the necessary approvals of termination decisions, and opportunity of appeal by the
candidate.

IEEE Mailing Lists and Rosters
IEEE Mailing Lists may not be used for electioneering in connection with any office within the IEEE, or for political
purposes, or for commercial promotion, except as explicitly authorized in Policy Sections 14.1.I. and 14.1.J.

Upon request and at the discretion of the IEEE President (or his/her designee) candidates whose names appear on
a slate which is part of the IEEE Annual Election may be granted the permission to distribute message(s) to the
pertinent electorate using an IEEE mailing list via electronic mail or other mass distribution means managed by
IEEE Staff.

Permission may be granted considering the following:

- In the President’s opinion the authorization of the message would further the objectives of the election
  and on balance be beneficial to the interests of IEEE.
- All candidates for the same position are to be granted the same opportunity to use the same
  communication vehicle.
- Candidates will not have direct access to the mailing lists of the electorate. Distribution of candidate
  message(s) is to be handled by IEEE Staff or by an external contractor selected by IEEE Staff.
- Any candidate who wishes to avail himself/herself of this opportunity must pay all the related costs when
  applicable, as calculated by IEEE Staff and approved by the IEEE Executive Director.
- If some candidates wish to avail themselves of such mass mailing opportunity and some do not, then it is
  permissible to serve only those candidates who wish to participate.
Candidates may make up to two e-mail message distribution requests:

- Requests will be processed and scheduled in the order that they are received.
- Candidates' Email Message Request Form will be made available to all candidates.
- Candidate e-mail messages to eligible voting members will be scheduled for distribution during balloting period. There may be dates where candidate e-mail messages will not be distributed.
- An IEEE template will be used for all candidate e-mail messages and it will include the unsubscribe mechanism, the required disclaimer statement as well as the request that the recipients do not forward the email.

Candidates in Conferences/Meetings and Publications

Candidates for office may be invited to appear at meetings to discuss their position, and may be reimbursed for actual travel expenses by the organizational unit organizing the meeting. Equal opportunity shall be provided to all candidates for the same elective position. (Policy 13.3.C. Means of Informing Members of IEEE Organizational Units)

Conference/Meeting Invitations and Requests

Conference/meeting organizers may arrange for candidates to make presentations to the attendees within designated sessions and forums. The same opportunity to participate and present must be given to all candidates, as follows (Policy 13.C.3.):

- All candidates must be invited at least sixty (60) days in advance of the event and be given fourteen (14) days to respond to the invitation
- If the event provides funding to some candidates to appear in an election-related forum then all candidates must be provided with equivalent funding. “Equivalent funding” means that if the event funds candidates’ travel, all candidates must receive funds that allow them to arrive at the event in time for the presentation, using the usual and customary mode of transportation from their official home address, as recorded by IEEE, to the venue of the event. Candidates whose official home address is more than 50 miles away from the venue of the event must receive funding for the necessary usual and customary lodging associated with the timing of their presentation
- If some candidates cannot appear in person but can appear through remote communication means, then all candidates to the extent practicable, should appear through the same remote communication means
- If some candidates do not respond in time to the event’s invitation or decline/fail to participate, then the planned session/forum can proceed without those candidates, provided that the names and affiliations of all candidates for the same position are provided to forum/session attendees
- If a candidate is unable to participate in a debate or presentation they can submit a video presentation that conforms in length and format to the constraints of the forum/session as determined by the event organizers

Publication Invitations and Requests

Editors of IEEE publications who plan to publish election related materials are encouraged to seek written material from candidates, pose questions of interest to their readership, and request position statements from candidates. The same opportunity must be given to all candidates to participate (Policy 13.C.4.):

- All candidates must be given at least fourteen (14) days to respond to the request for written material
- Candidates must be given at least forty-five (45) days to prepare the requested written material, inclusive of the fourteen (14) days allotted for response
- The same instructions in terms of objectives, issues and length are given to all candidates and enforced uniformly
If some candidates fail to respond or to meet the deadline, the planned election-related item can be published using material submitted by the other candidates who responded in time, provided that names and affiliations of all candidates for the same position are provided as part of the published item.

Editorials, Support/Opposition Articles and Endorsements
Due to the great difficulty of ensuring equal opportunity for all candidates in responding to or confronting editorials, support articles, articles that criticize certain candidates, and endorsement, the publication of such material in official IEEE publications is prohibited. Candidates may include such material on their personal websites and in brochures or other written documents (Policy 13.C.5).

Non-Electioneering Activities in Conferences and Publications
Routine Non-Electioneering Activities
Some candidates may hold volunteer positions that provide them with access and travel to IEEE meetings and conferences, and/or give them an opportunity to address wide audiences. Some candidates are authors and presenters of papers and technical talks. Some candidates organize, preside-at and moderate meetings due to their volunteer responsibilities. As long as in the course of such routine activities candidates refrain from using the associated IEEE forum for electioneering, there are no prohibitions or restrictions on such activities. It is permissible to advertise the fact that a presenter in an IEEE forum/session is a candidate for an elected IEEE position, provided that the names and affiliations of all other candidates for the position are mentioned at the same time/instance (Policy 13.3.C.6).

Non-Routine Non-Electioneering Activities
During the course of an IEEE election, a candidate may be given visibility in roles that are not directly related to the election, but may be perceived as offering this candidate with significant exposure that may influence potential voters. The variety and diversity of such potential roles precludes the prescription of specific guidelines for each one. However, in the spirit of providing equal opportunity for all candidates, it is recommended that the event organizers and editors refrain from engaging candidates in such roles to the extent practicable while they are running for IEEE office. IEEE volunteers in positions of authority over an event or publication should use their judgement and authority to allow/disallow the assignment of such roles to candidates in order to support the principle of providing equal opportunity to all candidates. The IEEE Election Oversight Committee may be used as a source of advice and conflict resolution to address such situations (Policy 13.3.C.7).

Distribution of Election-Related Printed Material in Gatherings and Events
Conference and event organizers often receive requests from candidates in IEEE elections to permit distribution of printed materials such as brochures and flyers. Organizers are encouraged to allow such distribution, provided that in their judgment it does not interfere with the purposes or orderly conduct of the conference. To the extent practicable, organizers are obligated to provide all candidate for the same position who have not made such requests. The Election Oversight Committee will serve as a resource for conference organizers and candidates to address questions regarding implementation issues (Policy 13.3.C.8).

IEEE Electronic Mail Policy
http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/products/ieee_email_policy.html
Candidates or candidate supporters may not use the IEEE membership database, or any derivative thereof (SAMIEE, rosters) to produce a mass email/electronic campaign in support of a candidacy. The IEEE Election Oversight Committee will be notified of any deviations from the IEEE Electronic Mail Policy and may take whatever action it deems necessary.

IEEE email lists or functional alias are to be used solely for the purpose of conducting IEEE business. They may not be used to promote an election candidate or candidate campaign.
Guidelines for Candidates in the IEEE Annual Election

- E-Mail list - A collection of e-mail addresses representing people or a specific group, assembled and identified by a unique e-mail alias (e.g., anou-2016@ieee.org). Any information sent to this alias is distributed to all e-mail addresses and/or e-mail aliases on the list.
- Functional alias - An e-mail alias that represents an IEEE department, conference, entity, or other activity (e.g., helpdesk@ieee.org, or list-owner-ITSC16@ieee.org), as opposed to an individual's name.
  - IEEE E-mail Acceptable Use Practices addresses the use of IEEE email lists (http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/products/ieee_email_policy.html)
  - Section 5.7. specifically states “IEEE email lists shall not be used for IEEE electioneering unless explicitly established for this purpose by IEEE.” Do not send any electioneering type communications to group aliases or IEEE Online Communities. If you choose to send notification to colleagues, you must take affirmative steps to ensure and be able to demonstrate that the email is welcomed. You must ask that the recipient not forward such notification or any election related e-mails to other members by using an “@ieee.org” email distribution alias list. (http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/products/ieee_email_policy.html)
  - In all communication with potential voters, candidates and their supporters shall:
    - Avoid practices that would be interpreted by a reasonably prudent person as obtrusive or falling under the category of “spam”
    - Include provisions for opting out from future communications
    - Include the following reminders:
      - Disclaimer statement “The opinions expressed in this communication are the opinions of the author and not necessarily the opinions of the IEEE”
      - Need of recipients to adhere to IEEE policies, especially IEEE Policy on Mailing Lists and Rosters (Section 14)

The following language is to be included on such communications “Do not forward this communication to IEEE maintained e-mail lists or functional group aliases”.

- The IEEE Code of Ethics, the IEEE Code of Conduct, and relevant IEEE Policies apply to the use of IEEE e-mail services.

IEEE Social Media Policy and Guide
IEEE social media consists of Web sites, portals, and applications that allow individuals to post and share content publicly, allowing other individuals to view and respond to that content.

- IEEE Social Media Policy: Policy 9.28
- IEEE Social Media home page: www.ieee.org/go/socialmediaguide

Election related best practices:
- **Don’t spam or post unsolicited messages.** Do not post inappropriate content, advertisements, promotions and/or solicitations for products and services to social media sites, unless it is expressly permitted by users of the social media space where you are posting.

- **Register your site.** Whether you are running a blog, Facebook page, Linked-in group, or another social media site that is operated on behalf of the IEEE and/or that prominently features IEEE logos or brands, you must register your site with IEEE. To register your site, you must agree to follow these policies and best practices. Once registered, your site will be listed on the IEEE website and you will receive important updates from the IEEE Social Media Help Forum. Social media sites that are operated on behalf of IEEE and/or prominently feature IEEE logos or brands, must support the mission of IEEE.
Election Petitions

In accordance with IEEE Bylaw I-307.9, individual voting members may propose, by petition, names to be added to the ballot for the offices that appear on the IEEE Annual Election ballot.

Individual voting members who wish to circulate a petition shall submit a petition draft to the Board of Directors no earlier than 1 May of the year preceding the election and no later than 15 April of the year of the election. The petition draft (whose text shall follow the text proposed in Policy 13.7.3.B) must be accompanied by a statement by the proposed candidate that he or she is willing to serve if elected. Following the receipt of notification of the intent to petition by the election staff, the IEEE Legal and Compliance Department shall conduct the same candidate review of the appropriate records of IEEE that it provides to the IEEE Nominations and Appointments Committee in its candidate vetting process with respect to ethical and legal conduct and compliance with IEEE governance documentation and practices. Following the receipt of the written report from the Legal and Compliance Department, the President, in consultation with the IEEE Secretary and the IEEE Executive Director, shall make a determination regarding whether the potential petition candidate shall be allowed to petition. Such determination shall be communicated to such party by the Election Staff.

The completed petition shall be received at IEEE Headquarters no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday preceding 15 May of the year of the election (13 May 2016). (IEEE Bylaw I-307.9)

All individuals seeking nomination by petition shall follow the same electioneering guidelines as nominated candidates from the time they begin their petition throughout the election process. Access to those who signed petitions will be limited to the Election Staff responsible for validating the signatures or those who are responsible for the election process. (IEEE Policy 13.3)

Petitioners are bound by the principles and relevant provisions of IEEE’s electioneering policies but do not enjoy the privileges of candidates (such as equal opportunity to present in IEEE conferences/meetings and publications) until they become official candidates.

- IEEE organizational units are not obligated to offer candidates retroactive provisions for electioneering opportunities that were not available to them before they were officially declared candidates.
- Alleged violations of IEEE electioneering policies will be referred to the IEEE Election Oversight Committee. The Committee may correspond with petitioner and others, gather information and provide guidance and advice. The Committee is responsible for timely investigation of allegations of violations and for providing recommendations for action to the chair of the responsible major unit. If a violation is verified, and if, in the judgement of the Committee, the extent of the violation requires additional action, the Committee may recommend that the subject petitioner have his/her petition revoked.
  o Following a recommendation of the Election Oversight Committee, the President may terminate a petition in the IEEE Annual Election, in line with the process outlined in IEEE Bylaw I-307.16
  o The head of the responsible major organizational unit may terminate a petition upon recommendation by the Election Oversight Committee that includes guidance concerning any necessary additional approvals of termination decisions, and opportunity for appeal by the petitioner.

Reference Information

- IEEE Annual Election website www.ieee.org/elections
  - Section 13.7 Nominations and Elections – Ballot Material
  - Section 13.3 Petitions and Signature Requirements
  - Policy 14 IEEE Mailing Lists and Rosters
• IEEE Code of Ethics [www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance/p7-8.html](http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance/p7-8.html)
• IEEE Social Media Policy [www.ieee.org/go/socialmediaguide](http://www.ieee.org/go/socialmediaguide)
  - Social Media Registration Form [www.ieee.org/about/social_media/social_media_form.html](http://www.ieee.org/about/social_media/social_media_form.html)