

Fellow Search Committee Bylaws

The Functional Fellow Search Committee was established to assist in the NPSS Fellow nomination submission process to the IEEE. The Chair of the committee is a non-voting member of AdCom.

Rationale

The number of elevated IEEE fellows each year is limited to 0.1% of the IEEE membership. Although this rule is not directly applied to each society, the results of previous years are statistically consistent with this rule: for NPSS (about 3000 members) it means a number between 2 and 4 elevated fellows every year. Being this a highly competitive process at the IEEE level, the nominations must be numerous, well-written, and follow the IEEE evaluation criteria.

Terms of Reference

- 1) The Fellow Search Committee (FSC) is established as a Functional Committee of NPSS with the task of increasing the number and improving the quality of the nominations to elevate NPSS IEEE members to the Fellow grade.
- 2) The Committee consists of a minimum of three members, including the Chair, who have previously been members of the Fellow Candidate Evaluation committee, preferably Chairs of the above committee. The Chair of the FSC is nominated by the President of NPSS. The other members are nominated by the Committee Chair.
- 3) The Chair of the FSC committee will endeavor to ensure adequate representation of the topics covered by NPSS. If necessary, the number of FSC members could be extended up to a maximum of 6, including the Chair.
- 4) The position of FSC Chair lasts for 2 years and could be renewed for a second term.
- 5) The other members of the FSC can stay for a 3-year term. Two additional years are allowed if the member is nominated Chair of the committee.
- 6) The option that the quality of the nomination could be assessed by the FSC must be brought to the knowledge of the Chairs of all NPSS TCs by the NPSS President. This communication should be done well in advance of the deadline for nomination submission (now February 7 of a given year).
- 7) Each nomination assessment will be done by the FSC based on the same general parameters, as adopted by the IEEE Fellow Committee.
- 8) The operational tasks of the FSC are to:
 - keep current on the IEEE evaluation criteria,
 - remind TCs to nominate members to be elevated to Fellows,
 - explain evaluation criteria to nominators and answer specific questions, if necessary,
 - if asked, review the nomination, and give high level comments.