

Now Accepting Nominations for Computer Society Officer Positions



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The Computer Society Nominations Committee seeks nominees for 2018 President-Elect/2020 President, First and Second Vice President and Board of Governors members.*

Strong leadership is critical to the vitality of the IEEE Computer Society. "Nothing happens in the Computer Society without the involvement of our volunteer leaders," said 2017 President and 2018 Nominations Committee Chair Jean-Luc Gaudiot. "This is why I feel it is so important to not just be a member, or an author, or a reviewer--although those are certainly important roles--but also take the next step and get involved in the decisions about what we do and the way we do it."

"The nomination process is an important member's inalienable right to select the IEEE Computer Society's leadership," said 2016 President Roger Fujii. "This process seeks the most qualified leaders who will shape the future of the Computer Society. We need leaders with bold innovative ideas and who will continue the IEEE Computer Society's legacy as a premiere leader in the computing technology field." Past President Fujii also led a webinar a year ago on how to enhance your nominating form. You can [click here to watch it](#) and [here to download the presentation](#).

Members are allowed either to self-nominate or nominate fellow members for all positions -- 2019 President-Elect/2020 President, First and Second Vice President, and Board of Governors members. A brief description of each position can be found below with a link to the full description, duties and responsibilities, required skillset, time commitment, and more for each position.

President:

The **President**, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall be responsible for general supervision of the affairs of the Society. This is a three-year commitment: one-year term as President-Elect, one-year term as President, and one-year term as Past President. The organization's President functions as the chief elected officer of the Society, represents the entire membership, and provides leadership and direction for officers and all Computer Society programs.

The duties and responsibilities of the President include but are not limited to:

- Serve as chair of the Board of Governors and Executive Committee
- Set and direct achievement of overall Computer Society objectives
- Appoint Executive Committee members, standing committee chairs and other officers and representatives
- Prepare meeting agendas
- Preside over board and committee meetings to ensure achievement of objectives and attention to major issues and purposes
- Generate status reports for the Board of Governors
- Identify and develop potential future volunteer leaders for the Society
- Serve as the IEEE Computer Society's representative on the IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB)
- Serve as the communications link between the Society and TAB Officers, Division Directors and the Technical Activities Department

Candidates for President must hold an IEEE Senior Member Grade or higher, be a member of the Computer Society, commit a significant amount of their time to the position, and should have the support of their employer in order to meet all of the obligations of the position. The President should have a strong technical computing background, be a strategic thinker, have operational decision-making experience, solid business acumen, a drive to make things happen, the ability to influence through others, and the ability to recruit, mentor, and coach volunteer leaders.

Vice President: First & Second:

The **First Vice President** is second in succession to the President and first in succession to the Computer Society President-Elect. The **Second Vice President** is third in succession to the Computer Society President, and second in succession to the President-Elect. Both Vice President positions are one-year terms.

Vice Presidents of the Computer Society function to provide counsel and assistance to the President and other volunteer leaders and provide leadership and direction for officers and society programs.

The duties and responsibilities of the Vice President include but are not limited to:

- Serve as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors
- Preside over board and committee meetings to ensure achievement of objectives and attention to major issues of purposes
- Assist the President in setting and achieving overall Society objectives
- Execute a portfolio as assigned by the President
- Task board members and encourage active participation by Board of Governors and members in Computer Society activities
- Provide counsel to the President in making Executive Committee, standing committee, and other appointments

Members who wish to run for Vice President must hold an IEEE Senior Member grade or higher, be a member of the Computer Society, and be able to commit a significant amount of time to the position, and should also have the support of their employer to meet the obligations of the position. Just like the position of President, a similar skill set is required for the role of Vice President. Candidates need to be strategic thinkers, have operational decision-making experience, solid business acumen, a drive to make things happen, the ability to influence through others, and the ability to recruit, mentor, and coach volunteer leaders.

Board of Governors:

The Computer Society is governed by the Board of Governors. Members are elected for a three-year term. **Members on the Board of Governors** have three main functions: provide guidance at the policy level to all organization entities within the Society, set direction and strategy for the Society, and review the performance of the program boards and other committees to assure compliance with its policy directions.

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Governors include but are not limited to:

- Attend all Board of Governors meetings and teleconferences as required
- Have significant involvement in Board and Society activities
- Assist the President and Executive Committee by carrying out additional ad-hoc assignments
- Identify and develop potential future volunteer leaders for the Society

Members of the Computer Society's Board of Governors must be Computer Society members. Unlike the President and Vice President positions, IEEE membership is not required. Board candidates too must be able to make the time commitment over the three-year term and are also encouraged to have the support of their employer.

"Through a volunteer role in the IEEE Computer Society, you have an opportunity not only to expand your skills, network and knowledge but also make a difference in your profession," said 2013-2015 Computer Society Board of Governor Member Nita Patel. "By contributing your talents and passion for engineering, computing, technology, you will be directly affecting the future of the computing industry by contributing technically and professionally."

Nominations are due on 2 April 2018. Please view the nomination website for more information and for full details on each position and click here to [download the nomination form](#). If you have any questions about the nomination process please email the committee at cnominations@computer.org.

*The Computer Society Board of Governors is in the process of amending its Bylaws to change the number of elected Board members from a total of 21 (seven positions elected annually for three year terms) to 18 (six positions elected annually for three year terms). If the required Bylaws approvals are completed by June 2018, the 2018 election will elect six rather than seven positions.



IEEE Computer Society President Hironori Kasahara, fourth from left, with volunteer leaders and staff members at a recent reception.

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