

To: Board of Governors
IEEE Education Society

From: Jim Rowland, Chair
Fellows Committee
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The Education Society Fellows Committee completed our evaluations for the 2017 cycle in June with ratings again on seven nominees submitted to the IEEE Fellows Committee before the June 15 deadline. A total of five committee members, plus the chair, participated in the hour-long lively conference call on May 18 to arrive at consensus ratings for the nominees. A sixth committee member was unable to join us in the conference call but soon thereafter confirmed agreement and provided written individual nominee justifications as an input to the committee report. At least five are required to participate in evaluations each year for our submission to meet the minimum requirements.

The Committee of ten currently has no vacancies; only six were assigned all our nominees to evaluate this year due to IEEE regulations prohibiting current IEEE Board of Director Members and any of our committee who had submitted references for nominees during the 2017 cycle. Our Fellows Committee consists of one IEEE Fellow from each of the ten IEEE Regions. Each year, the Chair accesses the System Matrix which contains the nominees assigned to the Education Society and makes assignments for the evaluations. The System blocks assignments for any our committee members who are prohibited for this year; the Chair assigns all nominees for evaluation by all eligible committee members and can assign nominees to other IEEE Fellows who are current Education Society members if needed to bring our number of evaluators up to the minimum of five for each nominee.

For the past six years, this Committee has been consistent in identifying and rating on the basis of intellectual merit and broad impact extraordinarily qualified nominees for election to the Fellow grade. A typical year had about seven nominees, and usually two or three were rated as extraordinarily qualified by the ES Fellows Committee. In many cases, these nominees were also rated highly by the IEEE Fellows Committee and about a dozen were elected to the Fellow grade. This year we had seven nominees and again some were rated as extraordinarily qualified, but we must caution that our committee input counts officially as only 25% of the evaluation points.

Final results from the IEEE Fellows Committee usually are announced the last week of November.