

Vice President-Technical Directions

Position Description

The Vice President-Technical Directions is an Officer of the IEEE Signal Processing Society. He/she chairs the Technical Directions Board and shall act as a liaison to the Board of Governors for the Technical Committee's activities.

The Vice President-Technical Directions is responsible for the activities of the Society's technical community, as embodied in its Technical Committees, in order to improve the Society's technical profile within and outside IEEE; to assist the Society in identifying emerging technologies at the nexus of signal processing; assist in the creation of the TAB Five-Year Society Review document; and to proactively engage the Society's members in strengthening the technical mission of the Society as defined in its Field of Interest.

In summary, the Vice President-Technical Directions has the direct overall responsibilities for the development, design, operation, and improvement of the Society's technical committees and reports to the President.

By virtue of the Vice President-Technical Directions position, the position is a member of these Boards/Committees:

- Board of Governors (BoG), voting member
- Executive Committee (ExCom), voting member
- Conferences Board, non-voting member
- Education Board, non-voting member
- Publications Board, non-voting member
- Membership Board, non-voting member
- Technical Directions Board, Chair
- All Society's Technical Committees, Ex-officio member

Position Criteria

The Vice President-Technical Directions should have previously served as an elected Technical Committee Chair, and may have served in one or more of the following positions: General Chair or Technical Chair of ICASSP, ICIP or GlobalSIP; Editor-in-Chief of a Signal Processing Society sponsored publication.

Candidates must possess a record of significant technical achievement, some recent management experience, and must hold the IEEE grade of Senior Member or higher. They must be at the time of nomination, and must remain throughout the term of service, members in good standing of IEEE and of the IEEE Signal Processing Society.

Position Criteria (Continued)

A current-serving Vice President may not be nominated for another Vice President position until his/her term has officially concluded.

Term

The Vice President term is three years.

Elected/Appointed by

The Vice President-Technical Directions position is elected by the Society's Board of Governors.

Nomination Period

The nomination period floats annually and is linked to the ICASSP meeting timeframe; it normally opens approximately 16 weeks from the ICASSP Board of Governors meeting.

Time Commitment

Travel:

- ICASSP – held annually in the Spring
- ICIP – held annually in the Fall
- TC Reviews – held annually in the Spring at ICASSP
- Long Range Planning Meeting

Conference calls/email:

- ExCom – monthly conference calls
- Other Boards – occasionally throughout the year

To summarize, the time required for the position of Vice President-Technical Directions is roughly 7 hours per week.

Travel Support

The following travel support is provided for the position:

- Travel of members of the Executive Committee to meetings of that group that are not held in conjunction with a Society conference, workshop, or Board of Governors meeting.
- Board of Governors: The Officers of the Society are expected to attend the ICASSP or ICIP meeting series in their official capacity and will have their hotel room nights at the “host” hotel covered for the duration of the meeting series. Board Members will also be reimbursed for travel expenses associated with the ICASSP and ICIP meeting series provided they adhere to IEEE travel policy. Travel funds may not be used for conference registration.

Travel Support (Continued)

- The Vice President-Technical Directions is encouraged to attend meetings of the Technical Committees, so he/she is knowledgeable of the issues/activities each group is encountering. Any support for travel to the Technical Committee meetings shall be strictly limited to that specifically detailed in the Policy and Procedures Manual. Travel approval is needed in advance by the Society President.