

Proposed Procedure for Selecting SPTM Nominees for Best Paper Award

1. Tabulate and distribute a list of all eligible papers for the best paper award¹.
2. The top five downloaded papers from IEEExplore are automatically nominated for consideration.
3. The top five cited papers are automatically nominated for consideration.
4. Additional nominations are sought from TC members and relevant AEs².
5. The Awards Subcommittee collects “external” reviews³ of the nominated papers.
6. The Awards Subcommittee uses all the information available to them to rank the nominated papers.
7. The Awards Subcommittee prepares a “nomination letter” for the top three ranked papers and forwards these nominations to the TC without revealing the subcommittee ranking for a vote of the members.
8. The voting procedure shall be the same as before.
9. The TC chair will forward the nomination of the top paper⁴ as voted by the TC to the SPS Vice President-Awards and Membership.

Proposed Procedure for Selecting SPTM Nominees for Young Author Best Paper Award

1. The pool of nominees for the Young Author Best Paper Award include all papers nominated for the Best Paper award whose first author was below thirty years old on the day of submission of the paper.
2. If there are less than three papers so identified in step 1, the Awards Subcommittee will call for additional nominations.
3. The remaining steps are identical to steps 5-9 in the procedure for selecting the nominees for the best paper award.

¹ The Society does not have a straightforward mechanism to provide the TCs with the data required in steps 1, 2 and 3. However, VPs Ostendorf and Treichler are exploring ways of facilitating this. If the TCs were to adopt the proposed procedure, our recommendation is to do so subject to easy availability of the data from the Society office.

² Nominations may be made by anyone. Self-nominations will not be considered.

³ The reviewers may include TC members.

⁴ Under extra-ordinary conditions, more than one nomination may be forwarded. This will require consent from the TC.