



IEEE President-Elect Candidates – Q&A session

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Question 1:

The current IEEE Strategic Plan 2015-2020 has specified Four Goals and Four Key Initiatives supporting the goals.

Given the opportunity to lead IEEE and to develop the next IEEE Strategic Plan for 2020-2025, what should be the goals and key initiatives?

Question 2:

How is Global Spec faring regarding purchase price relative to profitability?

Question 3:

Industry/Academic/Government/Collaboration/Partnership was one of the top recommendations from Section Congress 2017

From your perspective as IEEE Leader, what are the expected outcomes from this recommendation and what will you do to achieve them?

Question 4:

From the past 6 years or more IEEE BoD has been making several industrial visits to various countries every year.

- 1) Are you aware of any follow up actions made by IEEE with these industries?
- 2) To what extent these visits had a tangible impact of IEEE growth.
- 3) To optimize the costs and time for these visits what is your plan?

Question 5:

R10 and possibly every regions will set targets for Sections to achieve on Membership retention. The limits set are pretty difficult to achieve for Sections in R10, especially India and some other countries where student members constitute 50-70% of membership. Once the students graduate, their membership rates goes to almost 3 fold which is not affordable by most of the young professionals in their early career years.

Will you seriously consider to introduce an intermediate tier of membership exclusively for young professionals, at least for the first 3 years after they graduate with membership fee equivalent to 1.5 to 2 times of student membership fee?

Question 6:

If we look at the membership within each region vis-a-vis their representation on IEEE Board or Assembly, there appears significant disparity.

- i) What do you think of the current Region and Division structures, and what kind of possible revisions do you suggest?
- ii) What are your thoughts on current IEEE Geo-alignment and TAB Divisions?
- lii) Do you suggest for 2 Directors in R8 and R10 since Computer Society has 2 Division Directors (V and VIII) on the IEEE Board?

Question 7:

"Way back IEEE used to provide IEEE magazines (Hard copies) at discounted rates to Student Branches. This facility was the biggest motivation provided for students as well as the universities to continue IEEE membership until graduation. Somehow this practice has been discontinued for the last more than 5 years posing both the retention and recruitment problems.

Do you have any strategic plan to resume this old practice or may be with some conditions or modifications to attract student community"

Question 8:

Some Technical Societies under promotional offers allow different discount structures regarding the membership dues, certification programs and corporate partnerships.

For every paid membership in the section, a rebate of 2, 3 or 5 USD is given back. But for the Society membership dues same is not made applicable.

How do you plan to ensure uniformity in strategy applied across all OUs, Societies /Councils and the main IEEE.

Question 9:

Did you support the IEEE Constitutional Amendment in 2016?

Do you feel to continue to pursue it again directly or indirectly?

Question 10:

What is your opinion about the current Open Access strategy?

Question 11:

What are your ideas on how to address the issue of negative growth of IEEE members in US regions?

How do you plan to increase membership growth in IEEE, especially from Industry?

Question 12:

How do you plan to bring in more harmony in functioning of Society Chapters and Sections?

How do you address the status of several sick student chapters and society chapters across IEEE

Question 13:

Could you please share your thoughts on IEEE Diversity?

In your IEEE capacity, are there any initiatives or support that you have contributed to the young professionals, women and ensure fairness in regional representation?

Question 14:

There have been a long wait, probably for many years to resolve the Section incorporation questions regarding Income Tax and Sales Tax.

When can you likely resolve these issues, if elected ?

Question 15:

Some threats are foreseen from HQ to the reserves maintained by geo units.

What measures would you take to overcome these fears to ensure that the surplus remain with geo-units only to care of their future sustenance?

Last Question :

If elected, will you visit this R10 AGM again as President-elect and President?

Thank You
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Best Wishes