

From the Desk of the Chair of the SMCS Nominations Committee: Call for Nominations to the SMCS Board of Governors

The Nominations Committee of the IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society (SMCS) is seeking nominations for the Society's 2026 President-elect, Vice Presidents, and Board of Governors (BoG) elections. The Nominations Committee will select candidates for the election to be held at the end of 2026.

The following positions are open:

1. Member-At-Large: Five (5) SMCS members to be elected by the SMCS membership to serve 3-year terms on the BoG (1 January 2027 – 31 December 2029)
2. President-elect, VP Systems Science and Engineering, VP Membership and Student Activities, VP Publications, VP Finance, to be elected by the BoG to serve 2-year terms (1 January 2027 – 31 December 2028).

All candidates for Vice President shall have been voting members of BoG elected by the membership-at-large sometime during the past 5 calendar years, and have served for at least one full year by the time of nomination. The candidates for President-Elect and President shall have served at least one year as a Vice President. All BoG, President, President-Elect, and Vice President nominees must be members of the Society at the time ballots are distributed.

Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. Please nominate suitable nominees by providing the following information about the nominee on a completed Nomination Form by 6 July 2026:

1. Full name and contact information (including e-mail address).
2. IEEE member number.
3. Contributions to the profession.
4. Contributions to the SMC Society, the IEEE, and other professional societies.
5. Position being nominated for.
6. Statement by the candidate that she/he is and will continue to be a member of IEEE and the SMC Society in good standing for the full term.
7. Statement by the candidate that she/he is willing to serve for the full term in the position for which she/he is nominated. The statement should also include that she/he will be available for duties and responsibilities as the position requires.
8. Statement by the candidate that she/he will attend the annual BoG meetings held at the Society's annual flagship conference in October. SMCS will cover reasonable travel expenses. In order to be reimbursed for the travel expenses by the SMC Society, SMC Society BoG members are required to attend, actively support, and participate in the annual conference by submitting papers and organizing and/or participating in special sessions, workshops, panel sessions, and/or tutorials.
9. The candidate's photo and position statement on how she/he will contribute to the particular position and the SMC Society if elected.

In addition, based on Bylaws Article I NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 3: Developing the Slates of Candidates:

"3.2 In developing its list of nominees, the Nominations Committee shall consider those factors that will promote efficiency and equitable representation of the SMCS membership and interests and seek relevant information from within and outside the IEEE, when appropriate. The Nominations Committee shall consider nominations for the President and President-Elect with particular care due to the unique importance of these offices and the significant time and effort commitment required to effectively carry out the associated roles and responsibilities. Attributes that the Nominations Committee shall consider in evaluating nominees for President and President-Elect include:

- Substantial leadership contributions to the Society and a high level of involvement and experience in Society governance
- Willingness and ability to devote the time and effort to serve
- Substantial knowledge of the SMCS, the IEEE Technical Activities Board, the issues confronting the SMCS, and a sense of vision.
- Professional stature
- Leadership, collegiality, and the ability to interact effectively and intensely within the SMCS, the IEEE Technical Activities Board, and the greater Institute."

The online Nomination Form is posted at:

<http://ieeesmc.org/about-smcs/governance/nominations/nomination-form>