RAS Standing Rules on Nominations and Awards

Part 1. Standing Rules on Nominations

1.1. General rules
By May 31 each year a Call For Nominations shall be distributed to AdCom members, and also posted at the RAS website.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Nomination Chair. Nominators (or self nominations) should indicate the position the nominee is seeking and the nominee’s agreement to serve if elected.

Nominees will be considered by the Nominations Committee in consultation with the Advisory Committee. A slate of candidates will be announced prior to the elections. At least two candidates for the President-Elect office shall be nominated. The

Candidates issue written position statements which shall be distributed to AdCom members before voting.

1.2. Specific rules for the Nominations and Elections of AdCom members
Nominated candidates from the Nominations Committee and additional candidates nominated by petitions shall appear on the ballot, provided that eligibility has been checked by the Nomination Chair, in consultation with the Secretary and IEEE Membership Services.

The following RAS Geographical Areas are identified:

- RAS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA 1 = IEEE Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 (Americas)
- RAS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA 2 = IEEE Region 8 (Europe, Middle East & Africa)
- RAS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA 3 = IEEE Region 10 (Asia & Pacific)

Six of the eighteen AdCom elected members shall be elected at-large. Twelve of the eighteen AdCom elected members shall equally represent the three RAS Geographical Areas.

By May 31 each year, the Secretary, with the concurrence of the AdCom, shall define the number of AdCom members to be elected from each RAS Geographical Area with respect to the vacancies and to the residual composition of the incumbent AdCom.

Three groups of candidates shall be nominated. Each group shall be composed of a slate of candidates from each of the three RAS Geographical Areas

Each slate of candidates from each of the three RAS Geographical Areas shall be composed of at least two more nominees than the number of vacancies

All RAS members will receive the same ballot displaying all the candidates in alphabetical order. For each candidate the regional membership shall be also specified on the ballot aside the name.

Each RAS member can vote for a maximum of six candidates belonging to any of the three RAS Geographical Areas. Candidates will be ranked in three separate lists, one for each of the RAS Geographical Areas.

The six elected AdCom members who received the highest number of votes in the elections held in the last immediate three years (i.e. the two most voted AdCom members elected each year) will be considered elected-at-large

A number of candidates corresponding to the vacancies identified by the AdCom for that year for each of the RAS Geographical Areas will be elected from the ranking list associated to the corresponding RAS Geographical Areas.
1.2. Specific rules for the Nominations and Elections of the President-Elect and the Vice-Presidents-Elect

President-Elect shall be elected by secret ballot. Each candidate will be allowed to make a short oral presentation (5 minutes or less) before voting. In case the candidate is absent for some acceptable reason, such as illness, a colleague can make the presentation on his/her behalf.

Vice-Presidents-Elect will be elected by secret ballot. One VP position will be elected at a time. Each candidate will be allowed to make a short oral presentation (5 minutes or less) before voting. In case the candidate is absent for some acceptable reason, such as illness, a colleague can make the presentation on his/her behalf.

Nominations can be made from the floor, but it is strongly discouraged. If last minute nominations are contemplated, nominators are advised to inform the Nominations Chair in advance.

The voting members present will cast secret ballots, and a designated two-member Tally Committee will count the ballots.

Part 2. Standing Rules on Awards

The RAS Awards to be assigned yearly are the following:

- Pioneer Award
- Early Career Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Chapter of the Year
- Most Active Technical Committee
- IEEE RAS Technical Field Award. This Award is assigned directly by the IEEE.

According to Bylaws, the Awards and Fellow Evaluation Standing Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Past President. The Committee shall be composed of the Chair, the Vice-President for Technical Activities, the Vice-President for Membership Activities, and at least two more members appointed by the Society President.

By February 1st each year, a Call For Awards shall be issued to AdCom members, and also posted at the RAS website. The Awards and Fellow Evaluation Standing Committee shall organize Award Technical Sub-committees, one for each Award.

Each Award Technical Sub-committee shall have appropriate expertise according to the single Award and shall work in consultation with the TCs for selecting candidates. Members from outside the Society (e.g. from industry) shall be encouraged to serve in these Award Technical Sub-committees.

Award Technical Sub-committees shall set up their own internal procedures to proactively stimulate qualified applications and eventually nominate a slate of at least three candidates for each Award.

The Awards and Fellow Evaluation Standing Committee will evaluate the candidates and select the winner for each Award.

If an Award Technical Sub-committee fails to nominate a minimum of three candidates, the Award shall not be assigned that year.

The winners shall be awarded with a plaque and a certificate in a ceremony at the Society Annual meeting together with the Society members who have been nominated to the Fellow Grade by IEEE in the previous year.