Proposed changes to the Nominations and Awards standing rules

**Added:** These standing rules may be modified by a majority vote of AdCom.

**Old:** By May 31 each year a Call For Nominations will be distributed to AdCom members, published in the Magazine and posted at the RAS website.

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

**New:** By May 31 each year a Call For Nominations for AdCom and Officer positions will be distributed to AdCom members, published in the Magazine and posted at the RAS website.

Nominations will be submitted to the Nominations Chair. **The President-Elect will provide nominations for the Vice President-Elect positions at least two months prior to the election date in the year of the elections of Vice Presidents-Elect who will serve as Vice Presidents during the President-Elect's term as President.**

Nominators (or self nominations) should indicate the position the nominee is seeking and the nominee’s agreement to serve if elected.

**Old:** 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.

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

**New:** During the transition from the all at-large AdCom to the new AdCom composition, the vacancies are as follows:

- AdCom term beginning 2005: two at-large, one from Area 1, one from Area 2, two from Area 3
- AdCom term beginning 2006: two at-large, two from Area 1, one from Area 2, one from Area 3
- AdCom term beginning 2007: two at-large, one from Area 1, two from Area 2, one from Area 3

After this time, the composition of six at-large members and twelve members equally representing the three RAS Geographical Areas will be achieved. This method for computing the vacancies will then be repeated on a three-year cycle. If an AdCom member representing an RAS Geographical Area resigns or is removed from the AdCom before the end of the three-year term, a replacement from the same RAS Geographical Area will be appointed by the President.

**Old:** All RAS members will receive the same ballot displaying separately the three sub-groups candidates in alphabetical order. For each candidate the regional membership shall be also specified on the ballot aside the name.

**New:** All RAS members will receive the same ballot displaying the candidates’ names in alphabetical order according to their RAS Geographical Areas.

**Old:** 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.

**New:** The top two overall vote-getters will be considered elected at-large. The remaining candidates will be ranked in three separate lists, one for each of the RAS Geographical Areas. The number of candidates corresponding to the vacancies for that year for each of the RAS Geographical Areas will be elected from the ranking lists.

**Old:** The RAS Awards to be assigned yearly are the following:

**New:** The RAS Awards that may be given annually are the following:
Old: 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 Society members appointed by the Society President usually from outside the AdCom membership.

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.

New: According to the Bylaws, the Awards and Fellow Evaluation Standing Committee will be chaired by the Senior Past President. The Committee will be composed of the Chair, the Vice President for Technical Activities, the Vice President for Membership Activities, and at least two more Society members appointed by the Society President usually from outside the AdCom membership.

By February 1st each year, a Call For Awards will be issued to AdCom members, and also posted at the RAS website.

The Awards and Fellow Evaluation Standing Committee will organize Award Sub-committees, one for each Award. Only Fellows may participate in discussion of Fellow nominees.

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

Technical Award Sub-committees will set up their own internal procedures to proactively stimulate qualified nominations.

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

If an Award Sub-committee fails to nominate at least two more candidates than the number of awards to be given in the category, the Award will not be given that year, except that in the service category, the number of nominees need not exceed the number of awards to be given.

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Slight modification proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on April 22, 2005: Change the above paragraph to: The number of Awards given in any category shall be no more than one half the number of nominees.

Amendment passed by AdCom in meeting April 23, 2005: The wording will be changed to: The number of Awards given in any category shall be no more than one fewer than the number of nominees.

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