The ENC, a new committee formed in February 2012, consisted of Max H. M. Costa, Muriel Medard, Alon Orlitsky, A. J. Han Vinck and Prakash Narayan (Chair) as its members for 2012. The ENC is described by the Society bylaws as follows:

“The External Nominations Committee shall consist of the External Nominations Committee Chair, the Society President and three additional members. The Chair and other members are appointed by the Nominations and Appointments Committee. Typically the members of the Committee will serve for two years, with staggered terms. The Committee will be responsible for the solicitation, processing and submission on behalf of the Society of nominations for appropriate IEEE awards (such as, for example, the IEEE W. R. G. Baker Award) and, as applicable, for awards outside of the IEEE.”


The ENC also submitted or coordinated nominations for the IEEE Medal of Honor and the IEEE Hamming Medal for 2013. Also, potential nominees and corresponding nominators have been identified for the IEEE Founder’s and von Neumann Medals, as also for the Marconi, Kyoto and Okawa Prizes; these nominations are to be considered for submission in 2013.

In addition, the ENC helped generate nominations, with deadlines in early 2013, for the following: IEEE Kirchmayer Graduate Teaching Award, IEEE Kobayashi Computers and Communications Award, IEEE Sumner Award, and the Japan Prize (in the field of Electronics, Information and Communication).