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Report of the Nominations and Appointments Committee

As usual, January has been a very busy month for the Nominations and Appointments Committee (NAC). This year, in addition to the usual naming of members to the Shannon, Wyner, and Awards Committees, the NAC created the first-ever External Nominations Committee, and is also recommending BoG approval of the appointment of two Student Committee co-chairs.

Fellows Committee

The Fellows Committee was decided upon last November by last year’s NAC, Chaired by Andrea Goldsmith. The 2012 Fellows Committee comprises:

- Frans M. J. Willems (chair) 3rd (final) year as chair
- Michelle Effros 3rd year
- Rolf Johannesson 3rd year
- A. Robert Calderbank 2nd year
- Alon Orlitsky 2nd year
- Thomas J. Richardson 1st year
- Raymond W. Yeung 1st year

C. E. Shannon Award Selection Committee

The bylaws stipulate that, in addition to three ex officio members, the Shannon Committee must have four members, at least three of whom must be former C. E. Shannon Award winners, and at least one of whom is a current or former Editor-in-Chief of the Transactions. The NAC continued the custom of carrying over non-officer members for a second year.

The 2012 C. E. Shannon Award Selection Committee comprises:

- Muriel Médard (Chair) President
- Gerhard Kramer First Vice-President
- Abbas El Gamal Second Vice-President
- Richard E. Blahut continuing
- Sergio Verdú new
- Raymond W. Yeung new
- Jacob Ziv continuing

A. D. Wyner Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee

The bylaws stipulate that, in addition to two ex officio members, the Wyner committee must have three members, at least two of whom are former A. D. Wyner Award winners. The NAC decided to carry over one non-officer member for a second year.
The 2012 A. D. Wyner Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee comprises:

- Muriel Médard (Chair) President
- Giuseppe Caire Junior Past President
- Anthony Ephremides continuing
- Rolf Johannesson new
- H. Vincent Poor new

**Awards Committee**

The bylaws stipulate that the Awards Committee must consist of at least nine members representing all major technical areas of the Society. At least four members must have served as Associate Editors of the Transactions within the past three years. At least two members of the Committee (in addition to the two ex officio members) must be members of the Board of Governors. As has been the recent tradition, 9 non-officer members have been appointed, with a number of members carried over from the 2011 committee.

The 2012 Awards Committee comprises:

- Gerhard Kramer (Chair) First Vice-President, recent AE
- Abbas El Gamal Second Vice-President
- Ian F. Blake continuing, current AE
- Michael Gastpar new, recent AE
- Alex Grant new, recent AE
- Igal Sason new, recent AE
- Emina Soljanin continuing
- David N. C. Tse continuing, BoG member
- Emanuele Viterbo new, recent AE, BoG member
- Aaron B. Wagner new
- Gregory W. Wornell continuing

**External Nominations Committee**

2012 will be the first year of operation of this committee, created in a bylaws amendment by the BoG last year. This committee is “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 bylaws stipulate that the committee shall consist of a Chair and three additional members appointed by the NAC, along with the society President.

The 2012 External Nominations Committee comprises:

- Prakash Narayan (Chair)
- Muriel Médard President
- Max H. M. Costa
- Alon Orlitsky
- A. J. Han Vinck
Student Committee Chair

According to the bylaws, “the Student committee shall consist of the Student Committee Chair, the Society 2nd Vice-President, and any additional members appointed by the Student Committee Chair. The Student Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Nominations and Appointments Committee, with approval by the Board of Governors.” Instead of a single chair, the NAC proposes to appoint two co-chairs.

Motion for the BoG: that the appointment of Elza Erkip and Siram Vishwanath as co-chairs of the Student Committee be approved.

Additional Activities to Undertake Later This Year

1. create a slate of candidates for election to the BoG
2. appoint a new Conference Committee Chair (to start Jan. 2013)
3. start looking for a new IT Transactions EiC (to start Jul. 2013)
4. staff the 2013 Fellows Committee

Respectfully submitted,

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