Renewed Call for Volunteers

Calling upon the services of volunteers to actively participate in the Society activities has become an on-going mission and a tradition for the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society President. Society members are not only encouraged and welcomed, but are needed to participate in the broad variety of activities open for IEEE CIS volunteers.

CIS offers its members an amazing range of involvement. It publishes three highly-regarded IEEE Transactions as well as the CIS Newsletter (that will emerge as the CIS Magazine in 2006) and organizes three major conferences, specialized symposia, and workshops. CIS also supports educational opportunities through its multimedia tutorial program and summer research program. Other activities include the distinguished lecturers program available to our chapters. The Society's awards include three Transactions Outstanding Paper Awards, Pioneer Awards, the Meritorious Service Award, the Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award, and the Best Chapter Award. The Society’s other program extends special opportunities for women in computational intelligence.

Many of you may not realize the extent to which the Society is a volunteer-driven organization. Among many learned and professional societies, the CIS, as well as other IEEE societies, is run by its volunteers in a profoundly democratic way. Well over twenty committees recommend policies and actions to the President. The President presents them for approval to the Administrative Committee (ADCOM) that can adopt, reject, or modify their recommendations during its meeting held once or twice each year, usually in conjunction with the Society’s main conferences.

Five new ADCOM members are elected in society-wide mail ballot each year (see elsewhere in this issue for this year’s ADCOM ballot nominations details). The ADCOM in turn elects the Executive Committee (EXCOM) consisting of the President and six officers. The EXCOM manages Society’s operation and advises the President regarding publications, conferences, membership, technical activities, and other business. EXCOM usually holds regular meetings three times a year, while its fourth meeting is held in conjunction with the main ADCOM meeting.

We also interact with the IEEE Technical Activities Board that approves the top-level IEEE policies and procedures. Much of the CIS business is closely connected with that of other IEEE Societies and Councils either through the President’s direct involvement or through appointed CIS representatives. In addition, we have working partnerships with other organizations outside IEEE, such as INNS, ACM, and others. Depending on the joint venture we have, our representatives to partner organizations serve as liaisons, associate editors, or conference or technical committee members.

Where should you begin? Think about your own personal talents and interests. In which area would you most enjoy being a doer rather than a watcher? This is your chance to make a difference, and it’s probably simpler than you realize.

No service is perhaps more important for a beginner than being a reviewer. An excellent way to become and stay current
Call for AdCom Member Nomination

Each year, five members of the Computational Intelligence Society are elected by the society at large to serve on the ADCOM for 3-year terms. The ADCOM represents the members of the Society and approves the Society’s budget, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, elects Society officers, and authorizes the expenditure of Society funds. Members of the ADCOM are expected to attend one or two annual meetings.

Eligibility: All members of the Society in good standing are eligible to be nominated and to be elected to the ADCOM. Each nominee shall be consulted prior to the nomination to see if he/she will serve. The nominee may request his/her name be withdrawn from consideration. Chapter Chairs are asked specifically to nominate individuals to represent the interest of Chapters. Further information can be found at the CIS web site: http://ieee-cis.org.

There are two ways to become a nominee:

1) Via nomination through the CIS Nomination Committee by July 28, 2005.
2) Via petition of 15 signatures of CIS members by August 10, 2005.

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