

IEEE MGA Geographic Unit Officer Position Description

Section Chair

POSITION TITLE:

Section Chair

OVERVIEW:

The Section Chair is the Chief Operating Officer of the Section and is responsible for ensuring that the Section (including Section Technical Chapters and Section Affinity Groups) are fulfilling the Section Mission and Goals. The Section Chair ensures that all local units are in compliance with IEEE Policies and local regulations.

The Section Chair manages the operations of the Section to ensure the best interests of the local members are being met. The Section Chair provides leadership, guidance to other Section volunteers and ensures that the Section activities are focused on increasing member engagement and satisfaction.

The Section Chair represents the needs of Section members by providing feedback to Region Committee and/or IEEE organizational units.

Term: One year

All officers shall be elected annually by the Section membership. The term of office for all officers shall normally be one year, but may continue until a successor has been duly elected and takes office. The term of office will date from 1 January through 31 December. The consecutive period of service in any one office shall normally not exceed two years. Such exceptions require approval by the Region Director who will annually report such exceptions to the MGA Board. An individual may be re-elected to a position previously held provided at least one year has passed since he or she held that office. (Source MGA Operations Manual – 9.4.F.7)

ROLES:

- Serves as a Chair of the IEEE Section Executive Committee
- Preside at meetings of the Section Executive Committee
- Represent the Section at IEEE gatherings
- Represent the Section at Regional Committee Meetings and vote on issues on the basis of the best interest of IEEE

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DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Oversee Management of the Section: The principal responsibility of a Section Executive Committee member is to oversee the management of the Section, and in so doing, serve the best interests of the IEEE, its members and the public;
- Prepare the agenda and serve as chair for all meetings of the Section Executive Committee. Exercise business judgment to act in what is reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the IEEE, its members and the general public and not on behalf of any individual, entity or interest group;
- Identify appropriate volunteers for the Section's non-elected positions and present their appointments to the Section Executive Committee for review;
- Serve as a signer on the Section bank account and authorize disbursements as approved by the Section Executive Committee;
- Sign the Section annual report of financial activity at year end;
- Establish annual Section activities, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
- Ensure that all Section Officers, Committee Chairs, Chapter Chairs and Affinity Group Chairs are aware of their responsibilities and duties;
- If a Section Officer is unable to perform his/her duties, the Chair is responsible for ensuring that the duties are completed;
- Ensure that the Section (including Section Technical Chapters and Section Affinity Groups) are conducting activities on a regular basis and this information is being report to IEEE MGA;
- Ensure that a Section Nominating Committee is established in accordance with MGA Guidelines;
- Be informed of the IEEE and its business, including its mission, services, policies and programs;
- Spend sufficient time and energy to be familiar with matters requiring the Section's Executive Committee attention;
- Disclose any real or perceived personal conflict of interest with matters before the Section Executive Committee or which might otherwise conflict with the fiduciary duties owed to the IEEE;
- Review IEEE documents as they relate to the position of Section Chair, including IEEE Bylaws, IEEE Manual Policy, IEEE Financial Operations Manual and the MGA Operations Manual.
- Become familiar with IEEE Policies regarding funding sources for Geographic Units, the appropriate use of IEEE Funds, establishing bank accounts, contract administration, annual reporting requirements and insurance coverage.
- Exhibit highest standards of collaboration and collegiality;
- Provide leadership in the association's statement of vision, mission, and goals, and the corresponding strategies, plans, and budgets to achieve them;
- Suggest potential nominees to the Section Nominating Committee who can make a significant contributions to the work of the Section and the IEEE;
- Identify potential individuals to serve in this position at completion of your term of office. Act as mentor to successor.

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ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be an IEEE member in good standing;
- Must be of IEEE Graduate Student Member, Member, Senior Member or Fellow grade or higher;
- Must reside in the geographic boundaries of the Section.

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

- Demonstrated business acumen, experience and ability to exercise sound judgments in matters that relate to the current and long-term objectives of the IEEE and the Section and should be willing and able to contribute positively to the decision-making process of the IEEE;
- Ability to listen, analyze, think clearly and creatively, work well with people individually and in a group;
- Ability to cultivate and recruit Section members and other volunteers;
- Interest and ability to understand the sometimes conflicting interests of the various constituencies of the IEEE and to act in the interests of all Section members and the general public;
- Honesty, integrity and adherence to high ethical standards;
- Sensitivity to and tolerance of differing views, a friendly, responsive, and patient approach, community-building skills,
- Excellent relationship skills and the ability to interact with the public, other organizations and diverse communities;
- Excellent leadership skills including the ability to motivate others; negotiate compromise and resolve differences; maintain positive working relationships and capability to set direction for the Section;
- Ability to adhere to governance practices;
- Passion for, and interest in, the IEEE organization;
- Ability to dedicate service to the IEEE while maintaining balance with professional and personal life;
- Ability to handle sensitive and confidential situations;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Ability to meet deadlines and to respond to communications in a timely fashion;
- Prior volunteer experience.

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ESTIMATED TIME REQUIREMENTS:

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<p>Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a Section officer, it is very important that this individual check their email messages on a regular basis.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2 – 4 hours per week - this number may vary depending on the number of members and/or activities within the Section• Disbursements of payments<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In some Sections, the Section chair may be requested to co-sign checks/payments from the Section Bank account to pay for Section activities.
<p>In-Person meetings -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section and/or Section Executive Committee meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 8 - 12 meetings per year (typical schedule)• Regional Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1 or 2 meetings per year – typically requires travel to/from meeting location• Sections Congress<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If the Section Executive Committee authorizes travel, the Section chair may attend Sections Congress. This event is conducted every three years.• Technical Chapter/Affinity Group Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1 – 2 meetings per year (optional)• Additional local activities (i.e. IEEE Conference within the Section boundaries)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As the chair of the Section, this individual may be asked to represent IEEE at local non-IEEE events.

REIMBURSED EXPENSES:

Ordinary and necessary IEEE travel expenses are reimbursed in accordance with IEEE policies.

CONTACT:

If you have specific questions regarding the duties noted for this position, please contact IEEE Member & Geographic Activities department (mga@ieee.org)

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Section Mission

- Inspire, Enable, Empower and Engage Members of IEEE at the local level.

For the purpose of ...

- Fulfilling the mission of IEEE
- Enhancing the member's growth and development throughout their life cycle
- Providing a professional home

Section Goals

- Increase member engagement
- Improve relationships with and among members
- Increase operational efficient and effectiveness, within the section and its interfaces
- Enhance collaboration – serve as the local face of IEEE to community
- Increase membership
- Enhance the membership-related information available to the member and the geographic units