New Fellow On-line System

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The task of nominating a Senior Member for Fellow grade got easier with the new Fellow On-line System. Multiple upgrades were incorporated, but three main enhancements will please nominators. After a nominator logs in the system, the first requirement will be to input the nominee’s member number. Entering this information will immediately let the nominator know if the nominee meets the requirements of being an active IEEE Senior or Life Senior Member and if the nominee has been a member in good standing for five years or more. If a nominee is ineligible, the system will prevent the nominator from filling out the entire form and avoid any unnecessary time.

Another new feature that’s required is inputting the member number of the references. The nomination must include at least five, but no more than eight references who are IEEE Fellows. Entering this information will immediately inform the nominator, if a reference is eligible or not.

The best feature is allowing nominators the capability to make changes to main text, update e-mail addresses, add and delete reference and endorsement names, and to delete nominations they prepared out of the system up to the 1 March deadline. Providing nominators this kind of flexibility will give them the opportunity to prepare a better nomination.

After the deadline has been reached, the system will authenticate all the data and verify that each nomination package is complete. As soon as this process is finished, a confirmation will be sent to the nominator letting them know whether the nomination will or will not be considered.

The system is now open and ready to accept nominations for the class of 2016. Starting the process early will alleviate last minute issues. You can visit the Fellow Web Site at www.ieee.org/fellows, then click “Online Nomination Form” to begin.

IEEE Fellow is a distinction reserved for select IEEE members whose extraordinary accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest are deemed fitting of this prestigious grade elevation.