



Nomination Deadline: April 30, 2012

Please submit all nominations electronically: czegers@ansi.org

Young Professionals Competition

The U.S. National Committee (USNC) of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is pleased to sponsor the 2012 IEC Young Professionals Competition. This effort honors up to three young professionals who work for industry, the government, academia, consumer organizations, or any entity within the U.S. voluntary standards and conformity assessment community that uses, benefits from, or contributes to the IEC's work in electrotechnical standardization and conformance.

Nominators are invited to submit for consideration outstanding candidates who are involved with standardization or conformance from a technical or managerial perspective within their organization and who have demonstrated great ongoing promise. This program is targeted towards individuals who are in the early years of their professional career, post university.

The Young Professionals selected to represent the United States will attend the IEC 2012 General Meeting to be held on October 1-5, 2012, in Oslo, Norway. There, they will attend a dedicated workshop alongside recipients from other nations where they will learn more about the IEC, standardization strategies, and conformity assessment. They will also have the opportunity to attend technical meetings where standards are developed, observe a meeting of the IEC Standardization Management Board and the Conformity Assessment Board, benefit from the guidance of a mentor, visit local industry, and more. **Recipients will be financially supported for their travel and up to three nights of accommodation.**

Process, Timing, and Eligibility

The selection process is based on the nominee's demonstrated leadership and dedication within standardization and conformity assessment activities, vision of the strategic or commercial impact of standards and conformance, and significant accomplishments in their chosen field of activity.

Letters of support from members of the standardization community attesting to the nominee's outstanding achievements and appropriateness for receipt of the award are strongly encouraged.

Candidates will be assessed by a selection panel comprised of USNC Officers, standing committee officers, former U.S. Young Professional Recipients, and a pool of USNC Honorary Life Members. The winners will be notified in July 2012.

Candidates may be submitted by any interested stakeholder with the exception of members of the selection panel. Candidates who are employed by the same company as a selection panel member are eligible as long as they are nominated by an individual outside of the selection panel.

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Statement of Availability

By checking the box shown at left, I confirm that, if selected, the nominee will be available to participate in the 76th IEC General Meeting, October 1-5, 2012, in Oslo, Norway.

Personal Statement from the Sponsor

Please include a short, PERSONAL STATEMENT explaining why you believe this candidate deserves to represent the U.S. as a Young Professional at the IEC 2012 General Meeting. Please cite leadership characteristics and one or more specific accomplishments to support your statement.

Summary of Professional Background

Please provide a 100- to 200-word SUMMARY of the nominee's professional background, demonstrated leadership and dedication within standardization and conformity assessment activities, significant accomplishments in his or her chosen field of activity, and other relevant factors supporting his or her eligibility for the Young Professionals Competition. A CV or resume may be provided in lieu of this summary.

Personal Statement from the Nominee

Please provide a short, PERSONAL STATEMENT, authored by the nominee, and citing specific ways in which his/her attendance at the 2012 IEC GM might enrich their career. Please include particular aspects of the IEC and its body of standards that are of interest.

Nominee Essay

Please provide a 500-600 word essay, authored by the nominee, that demonstrates his/her knowledge of the issues that will take center stage in tomorrow's electrotechnical standardization community. Possible topics may encompass but are not limited to :

- Smart Grid
- Ambient assistant living
- Cloud computing
- Electric vehicles
- The relationship between standards and research
- The value of strategic standardization to U.S. industry
- How the standards community can energize the next generation of professionals to participate actively in standards setting activities
- Creating timely and meaningful standards and certification for new and emerging technologies