

## Provisions for Senior Member Recommendation

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(Intent)

Article 1 The senior member system has been incorporated into the IEICE membership system for the purposes outlined in Article 2, Paragraph 4 of the Regulations of the IEICE. Academic societies are supported and enabled to evolve and contribute to society through the initiative and active involvement of their members. The core activities of IEICE members are to produce cutting edge achievements in learning and technology, train next-generation scientists and engineers by providing educational and technological guidance, achieve the spread of technology by leading technical development, and actively involve themselves in IEICE operations and projects. The purpose of the senior member system is to confer the title of senior member, with the intent of expressing our deep respect, on members who are recognized as having made distinguished contributions to the IEICE through their ongoing IEICE activities, and to encourage them to continue to play central roles in these activities, thereby contributing to the development of the IEICE and by extension to society. As stipulated in the Regulations of the IEICE, the title of “senior member” shall be bestowed only on members, and not be given to honorary members, or student members.

(Rule regarding membership tenure)

Article 2 In principle, candidates for the title of senior member shall have been in professional practice in IEICE-related fields for at least ten years , and also have been either a member of IEICE for at least five years or a member who has been recognized for a distinguished achievement or making a notable contribution to the IEICE.

The number of years of membership shall be calculated by dividing the number of months of membership up to the application submission deadline as stipulated in

Article 5 by twelve months. Any fraction is rounded down.

(Election procedures)

Article 3 A Senior Member Recommendation Committee is set up in each society. It will select candidates for the title of senior member from among the members of the society concerned, and recommend them to the Senior Member Review Committee under the board of directors using the Senior Member Candidate Recommendation Form, which is specified separately. The composition of the Senior Member Recommendation Committee and candidate selection and recommendation procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions stipulated by each society.

2. If joint operation of several societies has been approved by the board of directors, the above recommendation can be made by the jointly operating societies.

(Application procedures)

Article 4 The applicants themselves shall fill out the Application Form, which is specified separately, and submit it to the IEICE. There shall be two nominators per application. The nominators shall fill out the Recommendation Form, which is specified separately, and submit it the IEICE. The nominators shall be honorary members, fellows, or senior members.

2. The application process can be initiated by someone other than the person to be nominated. In such a case, two members who satisfy the criteria for being a nominator shall make a recommendation to the society to which the person to be nominated belongs, in accordance with the procedure specified by the society concerned. The society that has received the recommendation, will recommend to the nominee that he/she submits the Application Form specified above.

Article 5 Application Forms and Recommendation Forms may be submitted at any time of the year. The Application Forms and Recommendation Forms submitted by July 30 shall be subject to review in the current fiscal year.

Article 6 The Senior Member Recommendation Committee shall evaluate applicants based the Application Forms and the Recommendation Forms in terms of the following:

- (a) Contributions as innovators in engineering or science, promoters of IEICE activities, leaders in technical development, educators or any combination of these.
- (b) Contributions to the IEICE.
- (c) Significant performance in other academic societies.

Article 7 The Senior Member Review Committee conducts the final screening of candidates and make any adjustments that may be required. After screening the candidates recommended by societies and making any numerical adjustments that are necessary, the Senior Member Review Committee reports its results to the board of directors for approval.

(Presentation of commendations)

Article 8 Members elevated to senior member are presented with commendations from the IEICE president. After approval by the board of directors, the IEICE Headquarters Office promptly sends the senior member commendations to newly elevated senior members by mail.

(Proportion of senior members)

Article 9 The proportion of senior members shall be no more than 10% of the members of each society on March 31 before the application deadline stipulated in Article 5. If a senior member is elevated to fellow, his/her title is changed from senior member to fellow. Members shall not hold more than one title at the same time. If a senior member is elevated to fellow, he/she is no longer included in the 10% quota for that society.

2. If joint operation of several societies has been approved by the board of directors, the above 10% quota shall be applied to the jointly operating societies.

(Additional provision)

(1) Amendment to these provisions shall be approved by the board of directors.

These provisions come into force on May 27, 2008.

(2) The amendment to these provisions shall come into force on July 23, 2012.

(3) The amendment to these provisions shall come into force on July 22, 2013.

(4) The amendment to these provisions shall come into force on April 14, 2014.

(5) The amendment to these provisions on September 16, 2014 shall come into effect on the same day.

(6) The amendment to these provisions on April 20, 2015 shall come into effect on the same day.

(7) The amendment to these provisions on October 27, 2015 shall come into effect on the same day.

(8) The amendment to these provisions on February 20, 2017 shall come into effect on the same day.

(9) The amendment to these provisions on December 12, 2020 shall come into effect on the same day.