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Number of Years with IEEE as valued Member: 7 (Seven)

Member Grade : Member (Regular)

1st Choice of position : Vice Chair (Activity) (Minimum 1 year as IEEE BDS ExCom experience is required)

1st Choice Position Statement (500 Words):

Over the last few years, IEEE Bangladesh Section has wedged a huge wind to its sail and showing sustainable growth in all dimensions: membership development, student activities, industrial activities, humanitarian activities, professional activities, public relation activities, and educational activities etc. Other than these activities, BDS has its website maintenance and newsletter publication, encouragement for individuals and branches/chapters/affinity groups by awards and recognitions, ensuring high quality of conferences held within the section's jurisdiction. Among all these, some tasks need technical supervision and others tasks which are mostly activity oriented, will need supervision from a matured volunteer who has undergone both practical experiences of doing these type of tasks for several years and has been institutionally trained up for such purposes. I would like to humbly mention that I have such type of experiences to serve the section and earned volunteer leadership training from IEEE MGA. So, I modestly express myself interested to serve you and the section in the position of Vice-Chair (Activity) for the year 2018. My role in the ExCom will be to design the annual activity plan of the section sitting with all the respective (activities related) coordinators and act as a moderator while these activity plans will be placed in the Executive Committee meeting for approval. Now-a-days, this type of moderation task has become very crucial because our section has become large and it is now very important to rank every plan proposed by the coordinator on the basis of priority and budgetary limitation.

Dear valued IEEE Bangladesh section members! I have served you and the section from the positions of Membership Development coordinator, Secretary, Vice-Chair (A) and Treasurer for the last consecutive years. During my terms, always I have tried my best to serve all but due to limited resources, sometimes I have not been successful. If you feel that, owing all these drawbacks, I still have some good qualities and a moderately long experience with IEEE, please again vote for me for the position of Vice-Chair (Activity).

I will try to focus on membership and give emphasis on member values. As Vice-Chair (A), I will strive for retention of membership of many members who do not find value in membership afterword. With volunteers and staff from our section, society chapter and AGs, I will leverage technology to attract new members, of different age groups and different industry segments. With your vote, I will try to bring the best remaining inside me yet to be served for the IEEE Bangladesh Section.

2nd Choice of position: I have only one choice

2nd Choice Position Statement (500 Words):

Contribution to IEEE Bangladesh Section (500 words):

I am voluntarily serving IEEE Bangladesh Section for several years beside my usual faculty position and other associated responsibilities with the department of EEE, BUET. In recent years, I have served IEEE Bangladesh Section from several positions such as Vice Chair-Activity (2016), Secretary (2015), Membership Development Chair (2014) and now serving the Section as the Treasurer (2017). I also served as the Membership Development Chair of the IEEE Electron Devices Society (EDS)/Solid-State Circuits Society (SSCS) Bangladesh Chapter.

During this duration, because of the dynamic leadership and passion for volunteer works and dedication of the Executive Committee, IEEE Bangladesh Section has transformed into a large potential Section in Region 10 (the Asia Pacific) of the Globe. Since its inception in 1993, nobody has ever seen Bangladesh Section so much vibrant like now with a record growth of membership. I have contributed to the following events organized by IEEE Bangladesh Section during my tenure:

IEEE Region 10 Meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in 2015. IEEE WIECON-ECE 2015 (the first ever IEEE Section sponsored conference in Bangladesh). Following WIECON-ECE conference series jointly organized with IEEE Pune Section, India in 2016 and IEEE Uttar Pradesh Section, India in 2017. IEEE Region 10 Humanitarian Technology Conference (R10-HTC) held in December 2017 (the first ever IEEE Region level international conference in Bangladesh). I also worked with the core committees and performed as speaker/instructor in IEEE BDS Mini-POCO (Panel of Conference Organizers) and also IEEE R10 funded Mini-POCOs, IEEE Pro-Talks 2015, Student Branch Executive Committee Summits (2015, 2016, 2017), IEEE R10 University-Industry Collaboration 2016, Section initiated IEEE Day Celebration (2015, 2016, 2017), Student-Young Professional-Women in Engineering (SYW) Congress (2015, 2016), Certificate Awarding Dinners etc.

IEEE positions held chronologically (global and local):

2017 - Treasurer, IEEE Bangladesh Section

2017 - Finance Chair, IEEE Region10 HTC

2017 - Finance Chair, IEEE WIECON-ECE, Dehradun

2016 - Vice Chair (A), IEEE Bangladesh Section

2016 - Program Coordinator, IEEE WIECON-ECE, Pune

2016 - Membership Development

Awards received from IEEE (global and local):

Successfully passed volunteer leadership training phase 1 and awarded with the chance to join very competitive leadership training program phase 2.

Travel grants and accommodation for activity related talks

Best Student volunteer award.

Experience in IEEE Bangladesh Section in Executive Committee, Affinity Groups, Societies chapters, Student Branches (year and positions):

2017 - Treasurer, IEEE Bangladesh Section

2016 - Vice Chair (A), IEEE Bangladesh Section

2016 - Membership Development Chair, IEEE EDS/SSCS Bangladesh Chapter 2015 - Secretary, IEEE Bangladesh Section

