

## SOCIETY POLICY

### FELLOW GRADE OF MEMBERSHIP

#### I. PREFACE

- A. Constitution Article C3.1.4 provides:

"A Fellow, one who has attained a membership grade of distinction, at the time of advancement shall be a corporate member of the Society, shall have been responsible for significant engineering achievements, shall have not less than 10 years of active practice and shall have not less than 10 years of corporate membership.

- B. By-Law B3.1.2 provides:

"A proposal for promotion to Fellow must be initiated by a Fellow or Member of ASME and supported by three additional sponsors, two of whom must be Fellows or Members of ASME. All sponsors must be well acquainted with the nominee's qualifications as they relate to the requirements for promotion to Fellow."

- C. By-Law B3.1.4 provides:

"Advancement to the grade of Fellow shall be by a positive vote of three-quarters of the total number of ballots received from the Committee of Past Presidents entitled to vote. A past president shall not be entitled to vote on his or her own nomination for Fellow."

- D. By-Law B5.2.8.1 provides, in part:

"The Committee of Past Presidents, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall have responsibility for electing Fellows..."

#### II. PURPOSE

To outline the procedures for nomination and election of members to Fellow membership grade.

#### III. POLICY

- A. Members who meet qualifying criteria as set forth in the Constitution will be elected to the membership grade of Fellow. One of the criteria that a candidate must meet is for significant engineering achievements in at least one of the following categories:

Engineering Design and Product Development  
Research and Development

Education and Workforce Development  
Standards and Certification  
Profession

- B. Definitions for these categories are included in the Fellow proposal package to provide guidance to the initiators. The definitions may be revised from time to time by the Committee of Past Presidents to reflect current practice.

**IV. PROCEDURE**

- A. The Board of Governors is responsible for establishing the guidelines for the election of Fellows. The details that the Committee of Past Presidents follows in electing Fellows are included in its operation guide.
- B. Initiators of unsuccessful candidates for election will be notified in writing of the specific reasons for the decision and options to improve their nomination form/package.

Responsibility: Board of Governors

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