Administrative Committee (AdCom) Members-at-Large Job Description

The responsibility of the Members-at-Large to the Sensors Council (SC) AdCom is to provide the SC with independent, non-society related insights and positions that are in support of the global sensors community, especially those involved in independent research, development and integration into specialized sensors suites, and to represent the Sensors Council positions and statements to these global entities. The individual Member-at-Large is to: (1) guide activities and committees in areas of concern particular to their academic, commercial or military interests; (2) participate in projects initiated by the Sensors Council; (3) participate in Special Interest Groups (SIG) meetings as requested (funded by a sponsoring Society, the SC or the Technical Advisory Board (TAB)), and (4) keep the SC informed on the new products and evolving technologies independent of SC-sustaining societies.

The individual can propose and lead in studies that mutually benefit the Sensors Council and the global community, and be a conduit for the sharing of best practices. A Member-at-Large may be appointed by the Council President to serve on a TAB standing committee.

Members-at-Large are encouraged to volunteer and to serve on the various awards, scholarship or technical committees of the SC. Members-at-Large are expected to work in some appointed capacity with the SENSORS Conference for particular years as requested.

The normal term of the Member-at-Large is two years and will be elected to this position based on the seated AdCom members. A written position statement from the individual seeking election to said position is expected. The individual nominee will be vetted by the nominations committee headed by the Past President and concurred in by the ExCom. The Member-at-Large to the Sensors Council AdCom is to serve no more than two consecutive terms. With one term out of this position, the individual is eligible for two more consecutive terms upon fulfilling the nomination process. However, the Sensors Council is strongly encouraged to elect new Members-at-Large to the SC AdCom to become the basis for new idea and policy generation.

The Members-at-Large is expected to attend the AdCom Meeting(s) each year. As of 2016, there are two meetings per year: The first is in winter/spring, and includes a half-day orientation for new members (newly-appointed society representatives). The second is held in late October or early November, in conjunction with the annual SENSORS conference. Failure to attend two consecutive meetings will result in the individual being unable to be re-elected.

The maximum number of Members-at-Large is limited to six (6), but shall not exceed 20% of the number of sustaining societies. One half the numbers of Members-at-Large are to be elected in even years and the remaining seats are elected in odd years. This staggering provides an overlap period and the Council is not faced with all new Members-at-Large at once.