

Illinois Institute of Technology Student Branch

Executive Board Elections 2014

Information Booklet

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Chairman

Chairman oversees all interactions within the Executive Board and moderates all meetings. The Chairman should facilitate internal communications between all members of the Executive Board. The Chairman should handle all interactions between university administration and the general body of this organization. The Chairman is head of the Executive Board.

Rohit Agarwal

I will be graduating in May 2015 with the undergraduate electrical and computer engineering dual degree. I believe that I am an active and involved member of the ECE department and the IIT community. Over the past year I have been involved with other organizations such as ASB (Habitat for Humanity), Tau Beta Pi, and the SGA, apart from IEEE@IIT. These experiences have helped me grow as a person and I am now ready to take up the mantle of president of IEEE@IIT.

In the past 12 months, as treasurer I believe I have carried out my duties well. I have been of the pillars on which IEEE has established a very successful platform. Having served on the board for the last year, I know our strengths which will help us, and I know our weaknesses, which we need to work on. I feel that I have been an actively contributing board members, and have fulfilled all my responsibilities and more. Having seen the way IEEE@IIT has grown in the past year, I would now dearly love to be one to lead the way forward in the coming 2014-15 year. Having seen the way the organization functions, and having built positive relationships with everyone involved, I believe I am the right person to continue moving the organization forward. I am confident in my ability to lead the board and the group, and to make the tough decisions. I believe that my vision for IEEE@IIT has the potential to make us one of the most successful organizations on campus. I am excited by the prospect of leading this fantastic group and hope to be elected President for the next year!

I am endorsed by the entire current IEEE board.

Mehdi Ganji

Please watch this video: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ost4tft1vaivfz4/Election.mp4>

Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman shall perform all functions of the Chairman in the latter's absence or at his/her request. The Vice Chairman shall also work directly with the other board members to assist them in inter-committee communication.

Sankesh Jain

About myself:

I am a graduate student from India doing my MS in EE with specialization in Power Systems. I am interested in power systems and hence my specialization and also I am an IEEE student member, IEEE-PES student member. Personally, I am a very active person in life and like to keep myself busy doing productive work and I like involving myself in activities around associations and organizations. I am interested in IEEE@IIT because of various reasons. One, it is one of the most active and highly-functional associations at the moment in college with lots of activities happening at most times. Second, it gives me an opportunity to be in touch with the industry and technology by constantly organizing events like company tours and presentation and also the on-going group projects.

Why I chose to run for this position:

I have been associated with the exec board as Programs Chair for the Past 9 months and have had a wonderful experience organizing various events, tours and general body meetings like these. Also I got a chance to network with many people from various industries to make these events a success. Hence, this year I feel I should step up and take more charge of things and keep up the good name and reputation of this organization and in fact take it to the next level.

Also, since a few key members from this current exec board will be graduating this semester, I feel as a current exec board member I will be able to fill the void and discharge all my duties and responsibilities in a better manner. I wish to carry forward the experience I have gained thus far being a member of the board to help this organization reach better heights and gain even more recognition.

Apart from that I plan to bring in more activities this year by collaborating with IEEE student organizations from other universities for the benefit of the students. Also, in the coming year I plan to have more industry related events like workshops and seminars which were attempted last year but were unsuccessful due to various constraints.

I also have my current exec board members endorsing me and backing my run for this position.

Subarno Saha

I am a second year student (Senior by credit). Over my time in IIT I have been very involved in several organizations on campus and I have built up a very good

working relationship with the Office of Campus Life. I believe by becoming an executive member of the IEEE chapter, I can help the chapter build up relationships with other student organizations with similar interests in terms of projects and student involvement.

I have chosen to run for the Vice Chair position because I am a very good communicator and I know I will be able to work very well with the other officers and be able to help the organization run with minimal conflict. I believe I would be able to help officers set clear goals for themselves and help them be on track towards and to achieve these goals.

I intend to help the IEEE chapter collaborate with the organizations I have worked with in the past: Illinois Tech Robotics, the Society of Physics Students and the SGA on projects because I believe such collaboration would bring about significant growth to the Chapter.

I have been nominated for the position by Bidusha Poudyal.

Treasurer

Treasurer oversees all finance and operation components of the organization. This entails record keeping with University budgets as well as obtaining funds from the Student Activities Fund. The Treasurer shall receive all money and pay all debts of the Branch authorized by the Executive Committee, and shall keep an exact account of all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer shall be head of the Finance Committee, and report the actions and decisions of the committee to the Executive Board.

Subarno Saha

See statement for Vice Chairman.

Saaduzzaman Syed

I am a third year undergraduate student of Electrical Engineering at IIT. Engineering has always amazed me and allowed me to develop it as a hobby. Working with small scale circuitry has been my interest since middle school. Meeting new people and working in a team also equally appeals to me. A platform such as IEEE has given me the opportunity to expand on these areas. I want to be a part of IEEE not only to showcase my leadership capabilities but also to serve the community by giving them the perfect college experience such as conducting engineering seminars and different engineering projects. IEEE experience meant a

lot to me. Encountering all spectrum of engineers under one roof, striking for similar individual goals, is extraordinary.

I would like to contest for an executive board position because I would like to offer my leadership to the members of IEEE. My goal is to help create a more connected IIT within itself and externally. This would be approached internally by connecting all the various student organizations, faculty and alumni and providing the means for them to have bigger events that impact IIT greatly. Externally, my goal is to connect IIT better to the city through the companies and the large job market here at IIT. The key to this will be to leverage the connections we have through our alumni, research and career management center to get companies to invest more in IIT's students and future by offering guaranteed internships. The vision is to see a more connected IIT through more collaborations and to use IEEE as a platform and enabler for those collaborations. I would like people to vote me for my leadership and my goals.

My past 3 years at IIT has involved me in various activities throughout campus. I have experienced being in a position from a student struggling due to courses or finding an Internship to witnessing success. I believe that I stand in a best position to serve the engineering community of IIT. I would like to offer my experience, failure and victory. My hardworking and organizational skills make me an exceptional candidate.

Secretary Internal

Secretary Internal shall maintain a roster of all active, inactive, and alumni members. The Secretary Internal shall keep a record of the names of members in attendance at the meetings. The Secretary Internal shall take minutes at all meetings and perform any administrative actives requested of him by the Chairman.

Kecheng Liu

My name is Kecheng Liu and I prefer people to call me Lucas. I am a first year master student in electrical engineering and my concentration area is wireless communication and network. I am running for the Secretary Internal. As an international student, I have developed my communication and leadership skills through various occasions. I am active in both campus and social events. I am currently a member of Chinese Student and Scholar Association in the Public Relation Department. I am also the co-founder of the CJI Entertainment and we are opening a new restaurant and karaoke bar in Chinatown area this December. This coming summer I will have an Internship opportunity at Shure. Inc. I am interested

in IEEE student branch because it is the best organization in the Electrical Engineering field where I can become more involved in student extracurricular exercises. I believe my dedication and enthusiasm will be a perfect add up to IEEE student branch at IIT.

I am running for the Secretary Internal because it is a position of assisting and I love helping people. One of the responsibilities for Secretary Internal is to help Chairman and Vice-chair reduce their workload. For example, arrange meetings, reserve rooms, contact officials and etc. Those are challenging tasks because it requires the Secretary Internal to understand what is the most appropriate and the fastest way to finish those assigned requests. I am a good candidate because after consecutively joining the executive board meeting for last semester, I am very familiar with how the Chairman and the Vice-chair arrange works and who should I contact and where should I go in order to make something happen.

Different from other positions, my work is not easily recognized by general bodies. However if I were elected for this position, I would assist the Chairman and Vice-Chair so that they will have extra time to bring more funding and more events for the organization. It is also a challenging position for myself because I must be strongly organized to coordinate both study and different tasks in IEEE executive board. Based on my previous experience, I have confidence in fulfilling all my responsibilities for Secretary Internal in the future. Please vote for me!

Secretary External

Secretary External shall keep a record of all activities of the Branch and shall report the same to IEEE Headquarters, together with any special reports required by IEEE Headquarters, within a reasonable time after each meeting.

Ambika Abinavavidyatheerthan

I am Ambika Abinavavidyatheerthan, Graduate student pursuing my Masters in Power Engineering. I want to be part of the ever growing energy industry. I am interested in IEEE and its association for all the technical guidance provided by them. I am happy to be part of IEEE@IIT as it helps in developing my technical and non-technical skills more through all the events and presentations conducted often.

Candidate Statement:

a) I am currently the Secretary External for IEEE@IIT and I would like to be chosen for the same.

b) I am an organized and sincere person who believes in perfect execution of given job which implies doing them completely and correctly within the given time frame. I have good communication and management skills by being part of various organization from my school days. Also with the experience that I have gained so far being in this position, I am aware of the responsibilities and assure to perform well.

c) As a part of the exec board, I will try to invest more ideas on promoting the organization and improve the student participation towards IEEE. And try organizing various events projecting the topics about the industry, research areas or other important non-technical issues that are currently prevailing to spread more awareness among the students regarding the same.

Wenlong Gong

My name is Wenlong Gong. I am a master student, but already admitted for Ph.D by IIT. I am major in power and control. I am interesting in smart appliance, hybrid vehicle and controlling system. Recently, I am doing intelligent lighting control system and demand side energy management system.

I am running for Treasurer and Membership Chair.

Here I present two reasons for you to pick me.

1. I have been doing a lot of projects and gained a lot of skills:
 - 2008 sophomore, built my first circuit. It was a Chao circuit. I am not saying that my circuit was a big mess. It was a circuit for demonstrating the Chao phenomenon.
 - 2009 junior, control module for controlling a gas valve, circuit and software.
 - 2009 Third Prize in the Fourth Annual Freescale Cup University Smart Car Racing Contest
 - 2013 Intelligent lighting system
 - 2014 Demand-side energy management system
 - Through all these projects, I have become familiar with MATLAB, circuit/PCB design, programming, and microcontroller, ZigBee network.
2. I have been leading projects, organizing and training project teams
 - 2008 minister of the Academic Section, Student Union
 - 2008 Student leader of the "Exploring the Chaos Phenomenon & the control and application of Chaos System" Project for undergraduate students
 - 2008 leader of the smart car racing team
 - 2009 training assistant of the smart car racing team
 - 2010 founded the smart car interest group, 90 members, gave training lectures and experiments

Membership Chair

Membership Chair shall bring the advantages of membership in the Branch, and in the IEEE, to the attention of all potential Student members. The Membership chair is also the head of all activities related to recruitment and retainment. The Membership Chair shall be head of the Membership Committee, and report the actions and decisions of the committee to the Executive Board.

Saaduzzaman Syed

See above for Treasurer.

Publicity Chair

Publicity Chair shall be responsible for proper advertisement for meetings, events, projects, and any other function of the branch, including the branch as a whole. The Publicity Chair shall be head of the Publicity Committee, and report the actions and decisions of the committee to the Executive Board.

Sijia Wu

I'm a first year Electrical Engineering major. I like rock climbing and designing robots. I'm interested in IEEE because it's a huge engineering society and offers numerous opportunities to electrical engineers. Becoming part of IEEE is definitely a valuable experience for me.

I'm running for Publicity Chair because I have rich experience in it. I have been in PR Committee for a semester and have helped the chair with her PR work, including distributing flyers and promoting events on Facebook. My experience as Campus Representative for Readyforce, a career network like LinkedIn, has also prepared me for this position. I will be able to do the job well and increase the exposure of our branch if elected.

Project Chair

Projects Chair shall be responsible for planning, organizing, and executing any projects which the Branch wishes to undertake. The Projects Chair shall be head of the Projects Committee, and report the actions and decisions of the committee to the Executive Board.

Ming Chen

My name is Ming Chen. I have been the project leader for guitar amplifier project in IEEE since last November. I am studying electrical engineering. Next semester I will

be a senior undergraduate student and I am thinking about to take a minor for either artificial intelligence or software engineering. I like all kinds of electronic devices, programming, making video games, realistic simulation, teleportation, robots, etc. IEEE is the largest association for my major. I will be proud of being one of the chairs discussing and making actions of the daily events in IEEE at IIT Chapter.

Project Chair is a position to manage all the existing projects and propose future projects. I run for this position because I am passionate on doing projects using my spare time, which are very close to the work in the real world. To become a project chair I can work on and give my ideas for all the projects as well as get more experience on management.

I am familiar with this position because Juan talked to me a lot about her position. Also, I can get things done quickly if I have the right to do them. The guitar amplifier project had no progress last semester before I became the leader. I gathered new members and we worked on it every Thursday night. As a result, the amp is almost done. Additionally, I know how this organization is working and what I should do to make it better. I went to the executive board meeting several times and somehow helped a little bit for setting up events. Next semester we will have more exciting projects coming up (the Microsoft Kinetic and Roberson & Associates projects). Since I will stay here in the summer, it is a good opportunity for me to get connections with Martin and Tanim to gather more information about those two projects. Last but not least, I was active in two projects in the ITR and won something for both. I learn a lot from them and I think it is a good time for me to pass their ideas to improve the projects in IEEE. If you choose me today, I will let your voice to be heard tomorrow.

Current Project Chair Juan Wang recommended me to run for this election.

Wenlong Gong

See above statement for Secretary External.

Industry Relations Chair

Industry Relations Chair shall be responsible for recruiting corporations and external organizations for the purposes of sponsorships, tours, and presentations. The Industry Relations Chair is also responsible for maintaining the relationships with corporations and external organizations to ensure their continued support of the Branch.

Ray Tawil

No statement.

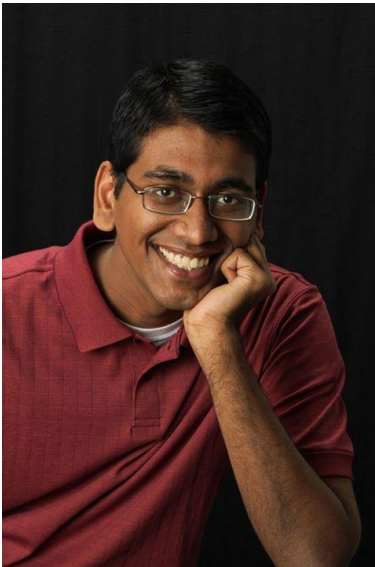
Programs Chair

Programming Chair shall prepare the agendas for all meetings and shall be responsible for all arrangements of the meetings of the Executive Board or of the General Body. The Programming Chair shall be responsible for maintaining the calendar and working with the heads of each committee to do so. The Programming Chair shall be head of the Programming Committee, and report the actions and decisions of the committee to the Executive Board.

Sankesh Jain

See above statement for Vice Chairman.

Appendix A: Candidate Photos



Rohit Agarwal



Mehdi Ganji



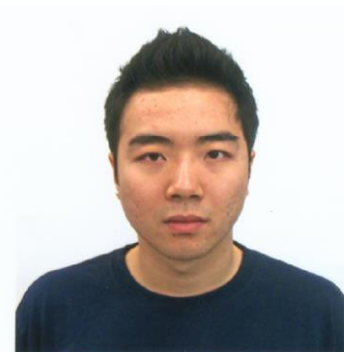
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