

Appointment of Associate Editor

The associate editor has a considerable responsibility to a transaction and to its authors. TPWRS appoints associate editors diligently based on the following considerations:

- Research or industry experiences: Associate editor needs to be very familiar with the developments in their field of specialization and is expected to be an established person who knows and is known to the active researchers in the field. This level of reputation and experience will enable the person to attract proper reviewers and make a sound assessment on the reviewer comments. One example evidence of such experiences is the IEEE Senior Membership. An ideal candidate would be an emerging or established expert in a field with active involvement in PES technical committees.
- Consistent publication record corresponding to years of experience: Such a record demonstrates that an individual not only has proven research expertise but also has good experiences in the paper review process. An individual who submits and publishes papers frequently in TPWRS will have a better appreciation of what is experienced by the authors and the impact of the paper review on them. They tend to be more careful in processing and evaluating other's work.
- Strong record of TPWRS paper review history: Such a record demonstrates that a person is willing to contribute to editorial work, cares to serve our profession and is knowledgeable on the challenges and cultures of TPWRS paper review. The record also gives confidence to the editorial board that this individual is dependable and can perform editorial work in a responsible manner.
- Field of specialization: An associate editor is expected to be an experienced researcher or practitioner in one of the fields that are covered by the TPWRS scope. The expertise of interest to the TPWRS editorial board is shown in the list at the end. More information can be found from the TPWRS scope.
- The need: Associate editors are appointed from 1st January each year following a call for applications issued in late September. Exceptionally, the Editor -in-Chief may issue extraordinary call for Associate Editors at other times if there is an urgent need of expertise in a specific field or an existing Associate Editor retires.

Application and selection process

Application for a position of Associate editor

Candidates interested in a position of Associate Editor should formally apply to editorial board (using the e-mail address specified in the call) in response to the advertisement that is issued in late September each year with the closure date in mid November. The requirements, or majority of, that all applicants should fulfil, and which should be covered by enclosed CV include

1. Minimum of 3 years of academic experience as full time academic or 3 years of industrial experience as industry technical specialist.
2. It is expected that the applicant with academic background has published about 10 or more journal papers in the last 5 years of which at least 3 should be in the IEEE PES Transactions.

3. For applicants from industry the lack of PhD degree and/or published papers can be compensated by attained chartered/professional engineer status.
4. Involvement in national and international working groups, task forces, standardisation committees, industry advisory bodies, etc.
5. Involvement in research evaluation as a reviewer or panel member.
6. Invitations to give technical or academic presentations to industry or academia.

The application material should be sent as a single pdf document (maximum 4 pages, including a 2-page CV) to address specified in the call with the transactions title they are applying to, or being nominated for.

Application/nomination materials must include the following information.

1. Prior service on an IEEE Editorial Board
2. Technical Committee activity
3. IEEE Region (1-10)
4. Profession Sector (i.e., academia, utility, manufacturer, government, vendor, research institute, other)
5. Three to five (maximum) keywords of research/professional expertise that can be used for proper paper assignments if appointed.
6. Titles and bibliographical data of 3-10 journal papers authored by the candidate in the last 5 years of which at least 3 should be in IEEE PES Transactions.
7. Names and contact information of two references
8. A resume/CV (max 2-pages) addressing the requirements specified above

Selection of Associate editor

The EiC, Consulting EiC (or EiC of another Transactions), and the EiC at large will shortlist candidates and provide them with detailed information on the responsibilities, expectations and guidelines for TPWRS editorial work.

In shortlisting candidates, the committee will consider their technical expertise as evidenced in their application, their expertise in a particular area to cover the full scope of TPWRS, their TPWRS paper review records, and the diversity of the editorial board such as geography, gender, and work sector.

Upon receiving the agreement of shortlisted candidates with provided list of responsibilities, expectations and guidelines for TPWRS editorial work, the committee will make the recommendation to the PES Vice President (Publications) who will confirm the appointment.

The term of appointment

According to PES policy, the appointment period is 2 years per term, and it can be renewed consecutively for 2 more terms at the discretion of EiC. In case of exceptional merits and with the agreement of the whole TPWRS editorial board, the appointment can be extended beyond 6 years.

Paper Review Process and Time Frame

The general review process and duration are shown below

- 1 week: Initial screening completed by the administrator (first pass)
- 1 week: Editor-in-Chief (EIC) screens and assigns the paper to proper editor (second pass)
- 1.5 weeks: Editor assigns the paper to reviewers
- 6 weeks: Review work completed by an adequate number of reviewers (the last reviewer controls this duration)
- 1.5 weeks: Editor makes a recommendation
- 1 week: EIC makes a decision

The above process takes about 12 weeks (or 3 months) in total. This happens to about 70% papers going through the review process.

If an author does not get a decision after 6 months (i.e., 24 weeks) for R0 papers or 3 months for non-R0 papers, he/she is recommended to write to EIC or pes-status@ieee.org with your paper number identified. The delay will be addressed as best as possible. Please do not write earlier.

Current and former Editors in Chief

2022 – present: Jovica V. Milanović, The University of Manchester, United Kingdom

2016-2022: Nikos Hatzargyriou, National Technical University of Athens, Greece

2011-2016: Antonio J. Conejo, The Ohio State University, U.S.A.

2005-2011: Vijay Vittal, Arizona State University, U.S.A

1999-2005: Murty P. Bhavaraju, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, U.S.A.

1986-1998: S. Harold Gold, Southern California Edison Company, U.S.A.