

New changes implemented with the IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy

1. Added a "Reject and Resubmit" decision option for EIC for papers that have gone through a review cycle and received reviewer comments that ask for comprehensive and mandatory revisions that are likely to require more than two months to complete.
2. Added additional manuscript status information for authors as a manuscript goes through several stages of the review process.
3. Every year, each AE is asked to provide nominations for identifying "outstanding reviewers" based on excellence in service. The journal then publishes a subset of names of these "outstanding reviewers" on its webpage as well as in print in one of the issues.
4. Every year, the Editor-in-Chief will name a few outstanding Associate Editors who have shown exemplary performance throughout the year in handling manuscripts.
5. A senior editor has been appointed to assist the EIC with such subjects as journal website population, improving resources for authors and reviewers, preparing message templates, etc.
6. Two consulting editors have been appointed to assist with the task of identifying 'weak' papers that lack the technical rigor expected of archival journal articles. These papers, if identified as 'weak' will typically be reviewed by the two consulting editors and will forego a more extensive review process.
7. In addition to research papers, "application papers" mainly written by authors from industry and government, have been introduced and a dedicated peer review procedure is followed for them. The process and rubrics are included in the journal webpage.