

Dear members of the Nomination Committee and IEEE Ukraine Section Chair,

Thank you for sending us the list of candidates for the Section election although it is a pity that the list was not sent on time, i.e. before October 1, as promised. We understand the delays as we assume that IEEE service is a volunteer activity and every one of us tries to do his best as efficiently as he can. Still we do not like seeing an outright lie like a sudden change of deadlines accompanied with the statement that all is done as agreed from the beginning. "The absence of the Section website" cannot be considered as a reason for the delay in announcing the nominated candidates because there exists a perfectly working website developed more than 2 years ago by the Section Vice-Chair Evgen Pichkalyov, (<http://ieee.org.ua>). You have decided, by not explained reasons, to copy the content of that site and open another Section website, (<http://sites.ieee.org/ukraine>). This is your choice, which was done without consulting the IEEE chapters. However for the efficient holding of the election, important is the only one thing: on-time communication of the information on candidates that could be done simply by using the email letters.

Further, although all Section members were sent the list of candidates selected by the Nomination Committee, still this list cannot be considered as "ratified". Ratification must be understood as approval issued by the Section Executive Committee, which has not only 4 generally elected members (chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer) who have the full right to vote but also the elected chairs of technical chapters and affiliation groups, or their authorized representatives. This is absolutely clearly stated in the point [D. 2, PAGE 9-14 OF IEEE MGA OPERATIONS MANUAL](#). In IEEE Ukraine Section, today we have 13 technical chapters and 2 affiliation groups. This means that you had sent us that list of candidates only for the discussion and approval (i.e. ratification).

We can assure you that the **proposed candidates have all rights to take part in election. However** we stress that it is **absolutely necessary to take account of our major comments** regarding the information about two candidates, as follows:

1) **IULIIA YAMNENKO**

a) *IEEE Ukraine Section Professional Activity Officer* (March 2015-present) - this point is a surprise as there was no any voting in the Section for that position and no one in the chapters was even informed about that nomination. **So, how was it arranged specifically, in detail?**

b) *IEEE Ukraine Section Chapter Coordinator* (December 2014-April 2015) - unfortunately we have to stress that **this information is not correct**. The matter is that **I. Yamnenko was not an IEEE member in 2014** and therefore was not eligible for such position. In the official IEEE documents she has no indication of that position. **We suggest you to delete the information on that post from the bio-data of this candidate.**

c) *IEEE Ukraine Section Vice-Chair* (2012-2013) - in fact, in 2014 we had the election of only one Section officer, the Chair, who then nominated himself several volunteers to the other posts. However this information can be left as it is.

2) **OLEKSANDR BONDARENKO**

The IEEE database shows that this candidate is a **Student Member** and thus, according to the rules, is **not eligible to take part in election** at all. He definitely cannot be a candidate for a post in the Section Executive Committee. Moreover, it is not clear at all why a person with PhD degree is registered as Student (to save money?) **It is necessary to change the Personal Account of that candidate in IEEE to make him formally eligible.**

In general, the matter of the participation of the chapter chairs, with full right of voting, in the work of the Section Executive Committee is the central question and the key trouble for the IEEE in Ukraine. Until 2014, we had no proper elections of the Section Executive Committee along the rules of IEEE. The chairs of Section were self-nominated and passed their credentials to the successor without any approval of the IEEE community in Ukraine. This was more like a monarchy than a democracy.

In the late 2014, we were electing, for the first time, the whole Ukraine Section Committee using the electronic system for the secret ballot, which was widely considered as a step to the right direction. The voting and the whole election were supervised by the Section Vice Chairperson E. Pichkalyov who had already gained good

reputation by that moment as a Section Secretary. As a matter of fact, he was the first Section officer in 20 years who started asking the chapters about their work and problems. We expected that after this election the work of the Section Committee would become transparent and the chapter chairs, at last, would obtain the real voting rights. This expectation had good background in the known fact that the then Region 8 Director M. Bastiaans got agreement of Section Chair V. Zhuikov to "start from blank page" the Section work and to stick to the rules of IEEE.

Still by April 2015, the right to vote was not practically given to the chairs of the technical chapters and affiliation groups in Ukraine. Therefore we organized and submitted a petition, addressed to the IEEE Region 8 Director, expressing the distrust to V. Zhuikov as Section Chairman and demanding his removal from office. This petition was signed by 35% of the total IEEE membership in Ukraine (necessary threshold being 15%). The Region 8 Director C. Stasopoulos agreed that the Ukraine Section was in trouble and proposed to solve it by holding the transparent election in 2015 under the supervision of IEEE Region 8. In a hope that this would be enough, the question of removal from office was frozen.

However, and it was a pity, in May 2015 **V. Zhuikov, I. Yamnenko and K. Osypenko** started the election campaign from the announcement in the letter to IEEE Region 8 Committee, where they **falsely stated** that the announcement was approved by the technical chapters in Ukraine. One day later the same persons proposed **I. Yamnenko** as a **sole candidate** to the Section Chair post, allegedly approved by the Nomination Committee (**in clear violation of IEEE rules**). Besides, it was stated that other members of the Section Committee supported the mentioned candidate that was **an outright lie**. It was only thanks to the efforts of IEEE Region 8 Director C. Stasopoulos and Section Coordinator A. Szabo that the election was directed back to the lawful domain. Only after numerous letters and insistent demands of Director of Region 8, the Section Chair **V. Zhuikov** sent the information about the start of the election to the IEEE members in Ukraine. It is necessary to stress that the Nomination Committee members were also proposed and approved without any involvement of the IEEE chapters in Ukraine.

Such a bad start of election campaign in 2015 had only made distrust of the IEEE members to the Section Chair stronger.

Unfortunately, further developments did not change this ill state. Soon after the information on the Section election was placed on the site <http://ieee.org.ua>, **V. Zhuikov, I. Yamnenko and K. Osypenko** tried to close this site by demanding that from the hosting company. **This looked quite ugly**, especially as in their letters they stressed that they were devoted to holding the "open and transparent election." Fortunately, they did not succeed. It must be added that the forms for the proposed candidates were distributed only after the Section Vice-Chair E. Pichkalyov created them, by his own initiative, and obtained the approval of the Nomination Committee.

Taking into account all the above mentioned, we believe that it is necessary to propose the other candidates by petition from at least 8 technical chapters and 2 affiliation groups from Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Ternopil, Vinnitsya, and also from Georgia. **We are honored to announce them here as follows:**

1) **CHAIR - FELIX YANOVSKY, IEEE FELLOW** (Kyiv)

Bio-data: http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Biography_Felix_Yanovsky_.pdf
Agreement: http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/agree_to_serve_Yanovsky.pdf
Petition: <http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Petition-Form.pdf>

2) **VICE-CHAIR - EVGEN PICHKALYOV** (Kyiv and Kirovograd)

Bio-data: <http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/IEEE-Ukraine-Biography-Pichkalyov.pdf>
Agreement: http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/agreed_Pichkalyov.pdf
Petition: http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Petition-Form_Pichkalyov.pdf

3) **SECRETARY - IRYNA IVASENKO** (Lviv)

Bio-data: <http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/IEEE-Ukraine-Biography-Ivasenko.pdf>
Agreement: http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/agree_to_serve_Ivasenko.pdf
Petition: http://ieee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Petition-Form_Ivasenko.pdf

4) **TREASURER - MYKHAYLO BALABAN** (Kharkiv)

Bio-data: <http://iee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/IEEE-Ukraine-Biography-Balaban-MB.pdf>

Agreement: http://iee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Balaban_agreed.pdf

Petition: http://iee.in.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Petition-Form_Balaban.pdf

Note that the **petition was signed by 51 members of IEEE** from various cities of Ukraine and from the IEEE Georgia Chapter, which belongs to the Section Ukraine, while the minimum necessary number of signatories is 7 according to the Section membership. Besides, the technical chapters have proposed a tentative list of other Section officers (not to be elected but approved later by the Section Committee) as candidates for the working groups of Section to start working from January 2016. Their names and data can be found at <http://iee.in.ua>

Thus please be so kind to register the above candidates-by-petition for the posts of Section Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and also take into account out comments and correct the bio-data of the candidates earlier nominated by the Nomination Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Volunteers' Initiative Group of

IEEE East Ukraine (Kharkiv) AP/MTT/ED/AES/GRS/NPS Societies Joint Chapter

IEEE Central Ukraine (Kyiv) SP/AES Societies Joint Chapter

IEEE Ukraine (Vinnytsia) CAS/IM/C/MTT Societies Joint Chapter

IEEE Ukraine (Kharkiv) SP/AP/C/EMC/COM Societies Joint Chapter

IEEE West Ukraine (Lviv) AP/ED/MTT/CPMT/SSC Societies Joint Chapter

IEEE Ukraine (Kharkiv) PHO Society Chapter

IEEE Ukraine (Ternopil) IM/CIS Societies Joint Chapter

IEEE Ukraine (Rep of Georgia) ED/MTT Societies Joint Chapter

IEEE Ukraine Women in Engineering Affinity Group

IEEE Ukraine Young Professionals Affinity Group