IEEE R8 Presidential candidates debate

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The rules

- Questions collected via Google Forms until... yesterday
- 8 minutes intro per candidate with slides
- 10 questions, with 1 minute answer per candidate (strictly enforced!)
- A series of fast answer questions, until our time is up!
- We will extract the FIRST candidate to deliver his intro. Then he will also be the FIRST to answer the FIRST question. After that they will alternate.

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Candidate addresses

Tell us in one minute...

… on the IEEE …

Question

There is a spreading perception in the research community that IEEE is more akin to a for-profit publisher than a non-profit, member driven organization (e.g. the global staffing exceeds 1000 FTE, while only a 100 or so are dedicated to member services). Do you agree this is a real problem, or at least a perception problem? How do you plan to address this?

Question

How would you explain the importance and rising capability of engineering to the general public, calling for wider political and societal support of our field?

Question

IEEE's Pre-University education activities are key to encourage youth to follow a career path in Engineering and Science. Pre-University activities comprised two out of five recommendations at last SC. What are your plans for expanding the role of Pre-University Education in IEEE and how do you plan to implement them?

Question

What strategy will you follow to deal with the "open access" challenge (e.g. the EU H2020 program mandates open access to publications)? Do you feel that printed publications, and/or paywall archives, will continue to be a viable strategy for IEEE?

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Question

What are you going to do to make the IEEE bureaucracy more member-friendly?

Question

What do the Young Professionals mean to you? How are you going to enhance their role in IEEE?

... on our Region ...

Question

In many R8 countries there are issues with registration of the association, compliance with local laws, in some cases economic barriers to fund transfers. How do you plan to address this? What is the plan with "IEEE Worldwide" and how does it impact R8?

Question

Many membership benefits are available only to some regions (1-7, mostly). What are you going to do about this, keeping in mind current membership statistics and the development trend (R9/R10) in mind?

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Question

Nowadays more than 50% of the members are from outside the USA. The Board of Directors now consists of 33 members. From them only 10 are from outside the USA (30%). Do you think that this should be corrected and how?

Question

Students are the future of the IEEE. What should be done to encourage the formation of more Student Branches at universities throughout the Sections of Region 8?

And now... fast answers!

Question

Are you aware of IEEE branding rules enough to realize that this presentation follows the old scheme?

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Question

Which color would you associate with your opponent?

Question

In what language did you code the last time you coded something?

Question

How old were you when you found out you'd be an engineer?

Question

Are you a chocolate-lover, lunatic or admirer?