

For IEEE Standards Association President-Elect, 2016
IEEE Standards Association President, 2017-2018



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(Nominated by IEEE Standards Association)

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Mr. Wright is the President of Standards Strategies, LLC, an Information and Communication Technology Standardization Engineering firm. He is the retired Director of Worldwide Standards for Lexmark International with over 36 years of experience in standards, engineering, software development and marketing. Since graduating from the University of Louisville with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering (Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu), Mr. Wright worked on the development and marketing of office information technology products for IBM and Lexmark.

Wright's extensive leadership roles in IEEE Standards include Chair of the Standards Board, Treasurer of the IEEE-SA Board of Governors, and a member of the IEEE Finance and Investment Committees. As a 2015 Computer Society Vice President, Wright chairs the Standards Activity Board. Previously, Wright was the Chair of the Executive Board of INCITS, which serves as the TAG to ISO/IEC/JTC 1 and as member of the Board of Directors of ANSI (2008-2013).

IEEE Accomplishments and Activities
(S'77-S'78-M'78-SM'03)

Mr. Wright has served broadly in the IEEE in a series of offices and appointments that have provided extensive leadership to the Standards Association and to the IEEE as a whole. Through this experience, including Standards Board Chair and SA Treasurer, he has a deep understanding of the business and operations of the Standards Association and the rest of the IEEE.

COMMITTEES/BOARDS: Standards Association: Board of Governors, 2003-2014, 2001; Treasurer, 2007-2014; Standards Board, 2014-2015, 2010-2011, 2002-2008; Chair, 2003-2004; Past Chair, 2005-2007; NESCOM, 2011-2012, 2002; Patent Committee, 2014-2015, 2012, 2005-2008, 2002; Chair, 2008, 2005-2006, 2002; SCC Coordinator, 2002; Procedures Committee, 2014-2015, 2010; Standards Association Awards and Recognition Committee 2012-2015; Chair, 2012-2015; IEEE Finance Committee, 2007-2014; IEEE Investment Committee, 2012-2013; IEEE Awards Board, 2012-2015; IEEE-USA, Liaison from/to IEEE-SA, 2010-2013; Technical Activities Board (TAB), Liaison from IEEE-SA, 2005-2006; New Initiatives Committee (NIC), 2005-2006; Admission and Advancement Committee 2011-2015; Chair, 2014-2015; Vice-Chair, 2011-2013; MGA Member Engagement and Life Cycle Committee 2014-2015; IEEE-ISTO, Board of Directors, 2001-2015; Board Chairman, 2011-2015; Printer Working Group (IEEE-ISTO): Chair, 1996-2001; Member, 1996-2015.

SOCIETIES: **Computer:** Standards Activities Vice President, 2015; Board of Governors, 2015; Executive Committee, 2015; Standards Activities Board, 2014-2015, 1998-2007; Chair 2015; Vice-Chair 2014; Vitality Chair, 2000; Microprocessor Standards Committee, 1992-2015; Chair, 1998-2001; Information Assurance Standards Committee, 2004-2015. **Communications:** Standards Development Board, 2012-2013; Vice-Chair, 2012-2013. **Society on Social Implications of Technology:** Member. **Consumer Electronics Society:** Member. **Technology and Engineering Management Society:** Member.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES: IEEE Standard 1284, Chair, 1992-2015; IEEE Standard 1284.1, Chair, 1994-2015; IEEE Standard 2600, Chair, 2004-15; IEEE Standard 2600.1, Chair, 2005-15; IEEE Standard 2600.2, Chair, 2005-15; IEEE Standard 2600.3, Chair, 2005-15; IEEE Standard 2600.4, Chair, 2005-15.

AWARDS: Standards Association Standards Board Distinguished Service Award, 2006; Computer Society Outstanding Contribution Award, 2003, 2004; 2004 Computer Society Golden Core Member.

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Statement

Standards are a key part of the IEEE's mission of fostering technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity. Through standardization, products and services enjoy improved interoperability and consistency. Through global engagement, the IEEE Standards Association has become, and can continue to be, the home of some of the world's most important technologies.

As President, I would strive to achieve the strategic goals of the Standards Associations by:

- Continuing to grow our worldwide participation in both the individual and corporate programs;
- Maintaining a focus on identifying and acquiring leading-edge technologies, at the appropriate time, for IEEE standardization;
- Improving and refining our processes and procedures to be more efficient and effective while maintaining our core values of due process, openness, consensus, balance, and right of appeal;
- Maintaining a financially strong program without imposing any undue burdens on individual or corporate participants or on the users of IEEE standards;
- Growing the skills of the IEEE-SA staff and volunteers.

As a long-time leader in the IEEE Standards Association and in the IEEE as a whole, I have a unique understanding of the plans, processes, and people central to IEEE standards. I'm ready and excited for the challenge and I would appreciate your vote.