

Good day!

I am truly honoured to be a candidate for your President Elect.

Climate change is already impacting the life and living in our planet. Electrification, energy access, equity -all are very pressing challenges for sustainable net zero transition for the world community. We from PES, have a huge responsibility to contribute to this transition.

On PES conferences:

Our Conferences are great opportunity to engage and exchange to enhance our learning to solve the challenges. However, post covid challenge of global travel and costs have been deterrent for many attendees to PES GM. PES fully sponsors 30 conference and technically co-sponsors another 20 annually. We need to consolidate our volume. My vision is to have one major annual conference every year in South America, Europe and Asia which will attract more attendees from within the region.

On PES Education:

Through our PES University programme, we will roll out more specialist programmes of education from industry veteran for upskilling our young university power engineering graduates/professional so that we have power engineers fit for the future needs of the sector. We will globalise our PES scholarship programme.

On PES Publications:

PES, through its seven-flagship journal publishes the best academic research in our field. They have created unmatched academic impact. Our contents must be useful for industry. We have now new strategy for engaging with practising engineers from industry and write more application-oriented contents.

On PES standards:

45 out of every 100 standards IEEE Standard Association publishes are from our society. The transition to net zero is only possible when there is a co-ordinated global effort. As your President, I will embark on a vision to work with IEC, IEEE SA, CIGRE to make standards from PES more inter-operable. For this we will strengthen the coordination between the technical committee and its satellite counter part in R8-R10.

PES Global workforce and outreach programme

PES has a well-funded global workforce initiative. It works closely with industry leaders and Industry Technical Support Leadership Committee (ITSLC) that was set up by our President Bahramirad. My vision is to work on a hub and spoke basis – we will have programme tailor made to each regional needs. We will co-ordinate across all regions. We will invite C-level power industry leaders from each region to advise our respective regional global workforce programme.

PES Chapters and Memberships:

With more than 41000 members, over 800 chapters, PES is second largest society in the IEEE. We want to delegate more power to local chapters to organise, own and run its activities. I want to encourage the local chapters through more tools and resources for organising and reporting activities. We will work through our local WiP and YP programme, IEEE Life affinity member group (LAMG) member to mentor student and graduate student members to bring a lasting value of PES for them

PES Women in Power (WiP) and Young Professionals (YP):

PES has excelled under the leadership of four women presidents and numbers of Vice Presidents. The WiP network has lifted the image of PES everywhere. Our PES job fair initiatives in engagement with YP have received good response. As President, my vision is to expand and sustain these programmes with long term strategy and resource commitments

Why do I deserve to be your President?

Over a period of 14 years, I have contributed to LRP, GB, FinCom, Bylaws, IEEE PerCom for developing new visions and strategy for growth and membership benefits. As Chair of PES Power System Dynamic Performance Technical Committee, I supported large number of technical WGs and TFs on technical activity.

For a period 6 years as Editor-in-Chief of IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy (2012-2017) I led the journal very successfully to transform this into a flagship journal with a high impact factor. As VP PES Publications (2019-2023), I have provided outstanding service to PES Publications. Under my leadership three new publication products: IEEE OA Journal of Power and Energy, PES Chapter of IEEE ACCESS and IEEE Trans on Electricity Markets, Policy and Regulation were successfully launched – all these are very successful periodicals. I have promoted diversity in various PES Transactions editorial boards and started a good practice to make EIC and AE appointments open, transparent, and inclusive. During my tenure as VP Publications 76 women were appointed as Editors in seven IEEE PES journals and two magazines and IEEE PES Section of IEEE ACCESS The publication in PES is more affordable (now up to 12 page is free for authors as against 8 pages earlier). I have offered more than 50 DLPs across all IEEE regions as a DLP speaker.

My win is your win; I will appreciate your support. Thanks for your time.