

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN USNC-URSI COMMISSIONS A-K

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- Nominees for Full Member must be citizens or permanent residents of the US.
- Nominees for Associate Member must reside in the US, and Associate Members must reside in the US to remain Associate Members. There is no citizenship or permanent residency requirement for Associate Members.
- Nominees for Early Career Member must be either (a) enrolled as a student at a US university, or (b) employed at a US university or government organization, or at a company with facilities in the US, and must reside in the US. Early Career Members must continue to reside in the US to remain Early Career Members. There is no citizenship or permanent residency requirement for Early Career Members.
- Nominees for Early Career Member are limited to individuals having ten (10) years or fewer of professional experience since their last academic degree (bachelor's or higher). The experience need not be continuous.
- Any member of the Commission can nominate qualified persons for Member, Associate Member, or Early Career Member in the Commission, provided that the person making the nomination holds a level of membership at least as high as the level for which the nomination is made. A separate nomination form should be completed for each nominee.
- No limit is imposed on the number of nominations which a Commission member can make if the nominees are from outside the sponsor's institution. A sponsor is allowed to nominate one person from his or her own organization for Member and one for Associate Member for consideration at any one regular meeting of the Commission. No limit is imposed on the number of Early Career Member Nominations.
- Membership in Commissions of USNC-URSI is predicated on technical competence in Radio Science/Engineering and interest in the activities of USNC-URSI and URSI. Evidence of technical competence is to be found from the nominee's publications and accomplishments, and evidence of interest in the activities of URSI is to be supported by the nominee's participation in URSI symposia. Guidelines for minimum requirements are as follows:
 - Full Member: Five to six journal publications and three USNC-URSI or URSI presentations, with two in the Commission. In addition, Member nominees should have evidence of scientific maturity and leadership in their work.
 - Associate Member: Two to three journal publications and two USNC-URSI or URSI presentations, with one in the Commission.
 - Early Career Member: co-author of one USNC-URSI or URSI presentation in the Commission and attendance at one USNC-URSI symposium.
 - Allowances will be made for fewer articles of special significance, or for scientific and research accomplishments of unusual merit.
- Nominations are normally considered only at the regular Business Meetings of the Commission. Exceptions to this (e.g., holding elections of new Members by email voting) are allowed by the USNC-URSI Constitution; the USNC-URSI Executive Committee (Chair, Secretary/Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, and Accounts Manager) should be informed in advance of an email election of new Members. The results of the election must be forwarded to the USNC-URSI Executive Committee as soon as possible after the election is held.
- Early Career Members and Associate Members are nonvoting members of the Commission; Full Members are voting members of the Commission. Early Career Members and Associate Members may not serve as officers of the Commission. They may serve on committees of the Commission as directed by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Commission.