Policy 4300 Standing Committees

Purpose

This policy applies to and provides guidance on the creation of Standing Committees for the Marine Technology Society (MTS).

Designation

The MTS Board of Directors is the body that establishes Standing Committees that act in an advisory capacity and/or to support the program activities of MTS. The following Standing Committees have been established:

- Publications Committee
- Fellows Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Awards Committee

Standing Committees Membership and Term

Unless otherwise designated by the Bylaws or this instruction, the President shall appoint the members and designate the Chair of any Standing Committees. All members of such Committees shall be Members in good standing of the Society and shall represent the full richness of professional discipline, age, ethnicity, geography, and gender diversity within the Society. The term of appointment to any Standing Committee shall be for a period not to exceed one (1) year unless otherwise specified by MTS Bylaws; however, there shall be no limitations on the number of consecutive years of appointment.

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee shall be comprised of the Vice President of Education, Vice President of Government & Public Affairs, Vice President of Research, Industry & Technology, the Editor of the Society Journal, and other members as the President may appoint. The Vice President of Communications & Publications shall serve as Chair of the Committee.

The Publications Committee shall oversee all publications of the Society.

Fellows Committee

The Fellows Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) individuals currently holding active MTS membership in addition to having received the designation as an MTS Fellow.

The Fellows Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the annual selection of candidates to receive the Fellow designation.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members. In addition to the above diversity criteria, the President will consider the regional and professional distribution within the Society.

The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for preparing the slate of nominees for each office to be elected in that year. More than one nominee may be proposed for any office. Upon request of the MTS Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee also may submit nominees to the MTS Board of Directors to fill vacancies in appropriate offices. At the request of the President, the Nominating Committee also may submit nominees for appointive positions within the Society.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) individuals, one of which will be an Early Career Ocean Professional (ECOP). It is encouraged that an awardee from the previous year be appointed to the committee.

The Awards Committee shall be responsible for conducting the review of nominations for the annual and special awards for MTS administered awards, as denoted in Policy 4390.