



# CONNECTICUT ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

**TO:** Regular/Emeritus/Corresponding/Honorary Members

October 5, 2023

**FROM:** Sten H. Vermund, Chair, Membership Committee

**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Candidates for Membership for the 2023 Election

On behalf of the Academy's Governing Council and the Membership Committee, I invite you to nominate candidates for membership who will bring expertise, energy, and prestige to the Academy and contribute to its goals. In accordance with the Bylaws, the Academy's membership limit is determined as follows:

*The number of candidates to be considered for election each year shall be determined by the Council to achieve an annual growth rate of 3% in membership. The Council shall consider [growth and attrition] to set the maximum number of candidates for election from nominations submitted in the upcoming year.*

The Academy's Governing Council therefore determined **this year's election to be limited to no more than 35 candidates**. A [CASE Member](#) may serve as a Nominator for only one nomination, and as a Reference (Member Reference or External Reference) for only one other nomination. In other words, **a CASE Member cannot serve as both the Nominator and Reference on the same nomination**. The following pertains to the references to be provided in support:

- **Member Reference (required; letter of support required):** An Academy Member must be named as the member reference. A letter of support from the member reference is required. The member reference should clearly identify which or both of the following criteria for Academy membership make this individual qualified and briefly explain why: 1) Scientific distinction achieved through significant original contributions in theory or applications AND/OR 2) Unusual accomplishments in the pioneering of new and developing fields of applied science and technology.
- **External Reference (optional but preferred):** A nomination may include an external reference and, if included, a letter of support is required. The individual must be external to the nominee's organization/company. The external reference may be, but does not need to be, an Academy member. The external reference should clearly identify which or both of the following criteria for Academy membership make this individual qualified and briefly explain why: 1) Scientific distinction achieved through significant original contributions in theory or applications AND/OR 2) Unusual accomplishments in the pioneering of new and developing fields of applied science and technology. While an external reference is optional, its inclusion may positively enhance the strength of the nomination package during the assessment by the membership committee.

Please note the attached "Criteria for Membership" to guide your proposals and the committee's selection of nominees. The Academy values diverse and inclusive participation in its membership and activities and has a priority of broadening participation. Per the Bylaws, the membership shall include a reasonable representation among the broad categories of (1) the physical and mathematical sciences, (2) the biological sciences, (3) the social and behavioral sciences, and (4) engineering, and among those engaged in academic, governmental, and industrial or other private activities regardless of sex or of racial, ethnic, or cultural origin.

The Academy's Governing Council **charges its members and the membership committee to strive for balance and diversity in the nomination and election of candidates for Academy membership**. We encourage you to think beyond your institutional colleagues to include individuals who will contribute to the goals of the Academy. Please give special consideration to qualified individuals from underrepresented groups and from the industrial and public service/government sectors. Deliberations of the Membership Committee are confidential. Please note:

- Instructions are provided in the accompanying email. **Our nomination period ends November 16, 2023, 4:00 PM ET.**
- The membership committee will review all nominations and select candidates for possible election by the membership. **The election will be conducted electronically from January 19 — February 21, 2024.**

*Members are encouraged to budget sufficient time before the deadline for nominations, as gathering the information needed may be time consuming and you may have questions as you proceed. For assistance or guidance contact Terri Clark, Executive Director, 860-282-4229; cell 860-754-8191 (preferred if calling); [tclark@ctcase.org](mailto:tclark@ctcase.org)*