03_ Fuzzy Fellow Procedure

The IFSA fuzzy fellow award has been created to bestow recognition on people who have made outstanding contributions to the field of fuzzy sets and the related disciplines. Criteria for selection shall consist of technical contributions, pioneering applications and support and development of the infrastructure of the fuzzy community.

The purpose of this document is to describe the procedure for nominating, selecting and inducting new members as fuzzy fellows.

I. Nomination Procedure:

1. Candidate nominations should be submitted by a person called the nominator. The only restriction on the nominator is that they be different from the candidate.

2. Nominations should be submitted to the chair of the fellows committee and consist of a package including the following items:

   a. A vita of the candidate being nominated.

   b. A document describing the reasons justifying selection as a fellow.

   c. Three letters from existing fuzzy fellows supporting the nomination.

   d. Up to three additional letters of support from appropriate non fellows.

3. Electronic Submission of the Nomination Package is highly preferred.

4. Nominations and decision procedure will done annually.

5. An announcement of an upcoming round of nominations will be made in Fuzzy Set and Systems and also disseminated appropriately on the internet.

II. Selection Procedure

1. The selection of new fellows is to done by a group consisting of the members of fuzzy fellow committee.

2. The committee will meet either "electronically" or physically.

3. The selections should be made by a "consensus" of the members of the selection committee.

III. Post Selection

1. The IFSA Council will be informed of the Results of the Selection Procedure.

2. The announcement of new fellows will be made in Fuzzy Sets and Systems subsequent to their selection by the committee.

3. Although the nomination and selection process will be done annually, an awarding ceremony will be held at the at bi-annual IFSA meeting to induct the people selected during the previous two years.

IV. Internal Notes
(not for Public Dissemination)

1. Effectively by Consensus, we mean three quarters.

2. Upon request, the President of the council will be informed of nominations.

3. Fuzzy Fellow Committee Selection.

   a. The Fuzzy Fellow Committee shall serve a period of four years.

   b. At the end of this period, the Fuzzy Fellow Committee will present to the full cadre of fuzzy fellows a list of proposed candidates for the new the Fuzzy Fellow Committee to be voted on.