
Status update regarding the IEEE Code of Ethics

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Bcc: Cosigners

Dear colleagues,

We greatly appreciated your co-signing of our letter to IEEE Directors Parviz Famouri and Karen S. Pedersen regarding the apparent oversight in the proposed update to the IEEE Code of Ethics:

http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/CSE/IEEE/Codes&Policies/Letter_re_Ethics_Code_9-03-13.pdf

By early October, forty-seven highly-respected IEEE members had co-signed the letter, including many IEEE Fellows, Members of the NAE, and Presidents/Presidents-Emeritus of the NAE, Stanford, MIT and Caltech.

On October 12th we alerted Parviz and Karen about this support and also CC'd the Board. Our alert, which included an alphabetized list of all co-signers, is posted at this link:

http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/CSE/IEEE/Codes&Policies/Letter_re_Ethics_Code_10-12-13.pdf

We've since learned that our recommendation for transgender inclusion will be considered during the November IEEE Board meeting. We'll update you as soon as we learn the outcome (a 2/3 majority vote of the Board is required to make changes to the Code).

Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

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