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(Nominated by IEEE Region 2)

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Philip M. Gonski, P.E. has been active in both the volunteer and professional community in the Philadelphia Area. After graduating from the University of Illinois – Urbana, Philip started his career at Sargent & Lundy, LLC, designing new power plants. Among his notable projects were the design of a biodiesel power plant on the island of Oahu, and later the design of one of the largest combined cycle power plants in the world in Saudi Arabia. While working at S&L, Philip took evening courses in Energy and Power Engineering and earned a Master’s Degree from University of Illinois-Chicago.

Philip currently works at Burns Engineering in downtown Philadelphia as a project manager for industrial and energy clients, with a focus on advanced microgrids.

In his free time, Philip enjoys the Philadelphia arts, traveling the world with his wife and jogging along the Schuylkill River Path, which runs through the heart of Philadelphia.

IEEE Accomplishments and Activities
(S’04-M’07-GSM’09-M’09-M’11-SM’14)

Philip has been an IEEE member for the past 13 years and is a Senior Member. During this period, he has served in the following volunteer positions:

- IEEE Philadelphia Secretary
- IEEE Philadelphia Treasurer
- IEEE Philadelphia Chairman (3 Years)
- IEEE Region 2 East Area Chair (Present)

During this volunteer work for the Philadelphia Section, Phil was instrumental in developing a new website for the Section that was better able to represent the dynamic nature of the region. During his tenure as IEEE Philadelphia Chair, the Section hosted multiple Arduino and STEM outreach program, as well as the first IEEE WIE Summit.

He also organized a career fair that saw approximately 15 companies in attendance. The event was well attended and led directly to several IEEE members gaining employment.

In addition to IEEE involvement, Phil is active in other technical and outreach organizations and has been a volunteer at local science fairs and Future City competitions.

His work in the IEEE and Professional community culminated in his selection as the IEEE Philadelphia 'Young Engineer of the Year'

Statement

Our Region has been incredibly fortunate to contain some of the most dynamic Sections, with dozens of quality conferences and professional events. These events, such as the IEEE WIE Forum, have been incredible at providing for the networking opportunities that are crucial to IEEE's continued viability.

My vision for the Region is one where both professionals and academics can find value in their membership. Perhaps the most critical, is for us to convince companies that there is value in sponsoring their employee's membership. As an IEEE member who made the transition from student member to full member, I know firsthand that justifying the personal expense of dues was difficult without corporate sponsorship. In fact, I am among those who did not renew their membership after graduation.

Like any organization, we need a value proposition to our members. I would plan to continue and build upon successful events, and help foster new initiatives for professional development and networking. The choice to join IEEE must be a clear one, which can only occur through increased outreach programs.