

## Statement

Chair:

[Greg Griffes](#)

I am excited to run for Chair of CLAS this year. I have been an IEEE member since 1976; over 30 years! I can't believe that it has been that long. For most of my IEEE career, I served in the West Michigan Section where I sat in every officer position multiple times. In CLAS, I have served as an LAC council representative, budget committee member, CLAS Vice Chair and formed the CLAS Computer Society Chapter. Just this year I was promoted to Senior Member. If elected I will carry on the excellent leadership demonstrated by Mike Briggs, Charlie Jackson and the other CLAS officers. I seek to build more chapters in the section and continue our excellent relationships with the student branches. I intend to maintain our present relationship with the LA council and work to strengthen our relationships in the region. I will work hard to help our section members advance their careers through technical and professional skill building.

Vice Chair:

[Gigi Lau](#)

**Technical Experience** - Gigi received her BSEE from UCLA and MSSAE from USC. She is a licensed professional engineer.

She works at Raytheon as a Multi-Disciplined Engineer and she is specialized in Special Testing Engineering in F-15 and F-18 Radar.

**IEEE Activities** – Region 6 S-PAC Support Coordinator, 2007, 2008; CLAS Award Chair, 2008; CLAS Secretary, 2006, 2007; CLAS Gold Chair 2005; UCLA IEEE Student Branch Chair, 2003/04, UCLA Corporate Relations Chair, 2002/2003.

**Statement** – I have been with CLAS since 2002 when I was a student member. Every position and opportunity in CLAS gave me an opportunity to see things from a different perspective. And it always brings my new ideas on promoting CLAS IEEE. I believe there is much room for CLAS to grow and become a prominent chapter in our region. My experience with CLAS IEEE will allow me to work with the new Chair towards a common goal, and therefore I am running for the Vice Chair in CLAS IEEE to move us one step closer to our goal.

During my tenure I plan to focus on three main objectives:

1. Promote the image of CLAS such as entering awards in IEEE,
2. Increase attendance in CLAS TECH events to all types of audiences, including interested high school and college students.
3. Maintain close contact (e.g. an increase in publicity) with Region 6 IEEE and IEEE-USA.

I have the depth and familiarity with the CLAS IEEE structure and strengths to promote CLAS IEEE to the next level.

[Shantaram Vasikarla](#)



Dr. Shantaram Vasikarla received his M.S. in Computer Science and Ph.D. in Computer Vision from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. He is currently Dean of the School of Information Technology at American InterContinental University, Los Angeles. His research interests include 3D object recognition, motion estimation, document image processing, and fuzzy systems. He has published over 30 papers in prestigious international journals and conference proceedings.

He is a senior member of the IEEE, and member of the IEEE Computer Society, and the IEEE Systems, Man and Cybernetics Society.

He is currently Chair of the IEEE Computer Society (Coastal Los Angeles section) and PACE Chair of IEEE (Coastal Los Angeles section).

He was Vice Chair of the IEEE Computer Society (Coastal Los Angeles section) in 2007.

Dr. Vasikarla has served as chairman, program committee member, vice

chair, or conference proceedings associate editor for numerous prestigious international conferences: Special Track on New Trends in Image Processing, International Conference on Information Technology New Generations ITNG, 2008; ITNG 2007, IEEE ITCC 2004, IEEE ITCC 2005, and many others.

Statement:

If elected, I would be honored to serve the needs and interests of the Computer Society members by (1) increasing their participation in the Computer Society technical committees, (2) increasing their benefits in Computer Society conferences, (3) increasing their opportunities to organize Computer Society technical sponsored conferences, (4) increasing their opportunities to be involved in leadership positions within the Computer Society, and (5) increasing new Computer Society chapters as well as Computer Society student chapters. I would use my extensive experience in the Computer Society to actively participate in the governance of the society and to actively encourage new members to join the Computer Society.

Secretary:

[George Lloyd](#)

I believe I am your most qualified candidate for secretary in several respects.

First and foremost, I am known for timely attention to detail and steady motivation to set new goals and accomplish them promptly with a cooperative spirit.

Secondly, I will make a strong technical addition to your section because I am a working advocate of interdisciplinary training, having held active memberships in both IEEE and ASME for several years prior to my Ph.D. I have graduate electrical engineering training in areas that include probabilistic systems and electrochemical and plasma physics, and graduate mechanical engineering training in continuum mechanics, computational mechanics, and energy systems.

Prior to my current assignment in industry in Los Angeles, I was a faculty research scientist at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where I supervised numerous undergraduate and graduate students on numerous instrumentation and sensor-related projects, many of which were field tested around the world.

If I am elected you will have on your team and in your service a responsible, dedicated, and responsive secretary.

Treasurer:

[Harry Schauwecker](#)

Organization: IEEE Coastal LA Section

Position: Treasurer

Candidate: Harry E. Schauwecker, .

Term: 2009

Qualifications:

Affiliated with IEEE since graduation from Ohio State University with BEE degree.

Senior member of IEEE.

Co-founder of IEEE Consultants Network in Southern California.

Hold license in California as Professional Engineer-Electrical.

Retired from full-time work. Able to devote time to IEEE matters as needed.