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## President's Column....



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We are currently heading into another round of elections for CPMT's Board of Governors. This year, voters in Regions 1–7 and 9 (US, Canada and Central and South America) will elect four members-at-large, while Regions 8 (Europe, Middle East, Africa) and 10 (Asia, Pacific) will each elect one member-at-large. The elected representatives will join continuing members-at-large: eight in Regions 1–7 and 9 and two each in Regions 8 and 10. CPMT's Board of Governors serves as a vital part of our organizational structure by directly feeding your concerns and interests into CPMT policy and budgeting. Although the final slate of candidates is not quite finalized, I urge everyone to check the website for more information and, of course, to vote. We need as many members as possible participating to ensure that the allotted number of representatives for each region are elected and, thus, that our organizational structure reflects the geographic distribution of our membership.

Another major event in coming months will be the relaunch of CPMT website. As in our profession, Internet technologies and design conventions evolve rapidly, the time has come to update our online presence. The overhaul has been a large-scale project within the society for some time and is shaping up nicely. Our new site will make better use of recent web technologies, provide a comprehensive platform for our members and present the CPMT society to industry and the public-at-large in the best light possible. Stay tuned for more information...

Last but not least, I'd like to extend my congratulations to this year's five CPMT award winners: John Lau from the Industrial Technology Research Institute, Singapore, who received the Outstanding Sustained Technical Contribution Award; Xuejun

Fan from Lamar University, USA, winner of the Exceptional Technical Achievement Award; Mark Brillhart from Cisco, who received the Electronics Manufacturing Technology Award; Muhannad Bakir from Georgia Institute of Technology, USA, who received the Outstanding Young Engineer Award and Paul Wesling, Santa Clara, CA, USA, who was recognized for his contribution to the Santa Clara CPMT chapter. Please see the full profile of the 2011 winners further on in the newsletter for more information about their individual contributions. We also cannot forget our former CPMT president Rao R. Tummala, who received the "2011 IEEE Components, Packaging and Manufacturing Technology Award" (also profiled in the newsletter) – I'd like to extend my congratulations on behalf of all of CPMT to you, Rao.

From bodies of work that grow slowly but steadily over time, to potentially game-changing flashes of inspiration, right through to dedicated efforts towards developing our society's programs and activities, the CPMT awards are an excellent means of acknowledging outstanding contributions to our profession. Nominations for CPMT's 2012 awards have already opened. Please visit our website at <http://www.cpmt.org/awards/index.html> to suggest members deserving of special recognition.

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

**1 November 2011**

**1 February 2012**

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