

Personnel Certification Governance Committee

Membership Nomination | November-December 2020

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is holding open nominations to fill one vacancy on the Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC). The vacancy is for a two-year term.

Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Eastern, December 17, 2020.

The PCGC reports directly to the NERC Board of Trustees (Board) and the NERC President and CEO regarding governance and administration of the System Operator Certification Program.

The PCGC consists of 10 voting members: eight at-large representatives, one chair, and one vice chair. Each committee member must commit to hold in high regard the integrity and independence of the System Operator Certification Program and to protect the integrity of the System Operator Certification process against undue influence. Each committee member is expected to attend all committee meetings and participate in discussions. When voting, members must commit to vote for that which is best for the System Operator Certification Program without regard to their own personal or corporate goals.

All members are required to sign a *NERC Non-Disclosure Agreement*. In order for the PCGC to fulfill its objectives, it is necessary for the members to conduct open and unconstrained discussions and to review information that may be business sensitive or involve matters of individual privacy that must be treated in a confidential manner.

Committee Member Responsibilities

- **Expenses.** The PCGC is a volunteer organization and all members (or their employers) must pay their own expenses to attend meetings, workshops, and various other gatherings. No PCGC member is reimbursed by NERC for their participation.
- **Attendance at Meetings.** The PCGC holds up to four in-person meetings each year in various cities in the continental United States and Canada. All members are expected to attend all meetings in person, proxies are not allowed. On rare occasions, a member may be allowed to attend by telephone, but this is generally not permitted as there may be confidential subject matter discussed.
- **WebEx and Conference Calls.** WebEx meetings lasting from one to four hours are held six to eight times per year and members are expected to attend these meetings, proxies are not allowed. Members must have access to high-speed internet connections that allow them to participate in a meaningful way.

Nominating Process

There is an opening for one member with the following qualifications:

- All members shall hold a valid NERC system operator credential
- At least one member shall be a Canadian representative (if there is no Canadian representative, then a position shall remain open)
- All members must be fluent in English
- PCGC Voting Members may not be employees and/or contractors of vendors providing System Operator Certification Exam preparation services

NERC staff will conduct an open nominating process. Open positions will be posted on the NERC website and nominations will be received by NERC via e-mail and forwarded to the PCGC Nominating Task Force (TF). Members of the Nominating TF are appointed by the chair of the PCGC and consist of three active members of the PCGC. They will make their selection giving preference to candidates nominated by organizations representing a broad cross section of an industry segment, such as a Regional Entity or an industry trade association. The Nominating TF will consider the following in qualified nominees:

- System operations experience
- Representation for the four System Operator Credentials
- Geographic diversity
- Experience in budget administration
- Experience in programs that certify persons
- NERC Regional representation

The Nominating TF will conduct phone interviews to narrow down the nominees. Nominees may receive an invitation to attend the February 2021 PCGC WebEx meeting.

Nominations are open to all interested parties and self-nominations are encouraged. If you are interested or know someone that is interested, please fill out the PCGC Nomination Form and e-mail it to the NERC Manager of Personnel Certification, [Barb Nutter](#) at barbara.nutter@nerc.net.