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- have experience reflecting professional maturity;
- have been in professional practice for at least ten years;
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- Eligibility to hold executive-level IEEE volunteer leadership positions;
- Ability to serve as a reference to other IEEE Senior member candidates;
- An invitation to be on the panel to review Senior member applications.

Thank you for your loyalty to IEEE and for your membership to the IEEE Signal Processing Society. We encourage you to take your career to the next level by applying for IEEE Senior Member elevation. I look forward to congratulating you on your member elevation soon!

Sincerely,

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