



**The Electrochemical Society  
Call for Nominations  
Editor of *ECS Transactions***

ECS seeks candidates to fill the position of editor of [ECS Transactions](#) beginning January 1, 2021. As the Society is focused on providing programs and services to support the research community—and advancing theory and practice at the forefront of electrochemical and solid state science and technology, and allied subjects—the new editor will play a role in developing ways to improve the publication and capture content related to ECS meetings.

**About ECS's Conference Proceedings**

*ECS Transactions* (ECST) is the official conference proceedings publication of The Electrochemical Society. It features full-text content of proceedings from ECS meetings and ECS-sponsored meetings. ECST is a high-quality venue for authors and an excellent resource for researchers. The papers appearing in ECST are reviewed to ensure that submissions meet generally-accepted scientific standards.

**Technical Scope and Structure**

The scope of the Society's meetings and publications is guided by a set of [topical interest areas \(TIAs\)](#) which are recommended by the Technical Affairs Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The Editorial Advisory Board meets twice a year to provide strategic support for the publication.

**Role and Responsibilities of the Editor**

The ECST Editor chairs the ECST Editorial Advisory Board. The ECST Editor provides leadership to ECST issue editors to ensure: 1) consistency in the review process, 2) upholding of editorial standards, and 3) compliance with Society policies. The ECST Editor may be asked to represent the Society at the meetings of other peer organizations. The ECST Editor reports to the Publications Subcommittee on policies and practices associated with author submissions, editorial standards, and the quality of the published manuscripts. The ECST Editor works collaboratively with Editorial Advisory Board members to publish the most important content within the entire scope of the topical interest areas (TIAs) as set forth by the Technical Affairs Committee.

**Specific Responsibilities**

1. Chair the biannual meetings of the ECST Editorial Advisory Board; provide a regular report during the Symposium Planning Advisory Board meeting; and represent the Editorial Advisory Board as an *ex officio* member of the Publications Subcommittee.
2. Regularly evaluate ECST content and assess the coverage of each TIA. Work to ensure all TIAs are adequately represented in ECST.
3. Actively solicit symposium organizers to participate in the publication of symposium papers in ECST through involvement in ECS biannual meetings, engaging the ECS divisions, and working with staff to effectively communicate to the stakeholders.

4. Scout for potential ECST volumes/issues from conferences that may or may not be sponsored by ECS but are within the technical scope of ECS.
5. Serve as ECST Issue Editor in the unlikely event that neither the symposium organizer nor the Editorial Advisory Board member from an ECS division associated with the issue wishes to be Issue Editor, or if either fails to act in a timely manner.
6. Clearly communicate publication guidelines and policies (*e.g.*, instructions for authors, instructions for issue editors, and ethical guidelines) and oversee compliance.
7. Communicate in a timely and effective way with all Editorial Advisory Board members, symposium organizers, issue editors, authors, and ECS staff.
8. Adhere to policies and procedures for: 1) manuscript submission and authorship criteria, 2) methods for reconsideration of rejected manuscripts, 3) maintaining the scientific integrity of the review process, 4) handling conflict of interest and disclosure issues, and 5) handling allegations and findings of scientific misbehavior and misconduct.
9. Work collaboratively with the Editorial Advisory Board members and ECS staff to accomplish the objectives approved by the Publications Subcommittee, Technical Affairs Committee, and the Board of Directors.

### **Term of Appointment**

The individual selected as the ECST Editor is expected to serve in that position for a term of two or three years, renewable for additional terms up to a maximum of 12 years. If a person serving as the ECST editor is unable to complete the current term, three-month notice should be provided. The Publications Subcommittee is responsible for ensuring that all members of the ECS editorial boards successfully fulfill their duties and responsibilities as outlined in their respective job descriptions.

### **Oversight/Reporting Structure**

The Publications Subcommittee is responsible for establishing the objectives and technical scope of each publication; instituting editorial policies; and recommending approval of editors of the Society's publications, per the Board-approved charters. The Publications Subcommittee, with approval of the Technical Affairs Committee and Board, shall also define the structure of the editorial and advisory boards, and their general operating principles in a charter.

### **Qualifications**

1. Possesses and maintains scientific knowledge of at least one TIA.
2. Has published previously in a Society publication.
3. Skilled in the arts of writing, editing, critical assessment, negotiation, and diplomacy.
4. The ECST editor may not serve on the editorial boards of any non-ECS peer-reviewed technical journal.
5. The ECST editor is expected to adhere to the Society's Conflict of Interest policy.

**Full applications are due no later than September 11, 2020.** Those interested should send a cover letter, CV, and responses to the candidate questions listed below. All materials must be submitted to Director of Publications Beth Craanen, by emailing [beth.craanen@electrochem.org](mailto:beth.craanen@electrochem.org).

Virtual candidate interviews will take place in late October 2020/early November 2020.

### **Candidate Questions**

1. What is your understanding of the current purpose and mission of ECS's publishing program? How does *ECS Transactions* fit into ECS's publishing portfolio?
2. What are your views and thoughts on transactions versus conference proceedings, and what functions do they serve?
3. As the ECS publications program and portfolio are undergoing exciting changes—as well as possible additions of new journal titles—what is your vision for the future role and mission of ECST to complement this effort and serve the ECS membership in the most effective manner?
4. In your view, what should the desired a) editorial structure, b) manuscript format and review processes, and c) primary driver of ECST be to fully capture ECS conference content? How do you plan to achieve these goals?
5. In your view, what function does or should ECST serve to survive in the competitive publishing environment of high impact journals? What needs to change, if anything?
6. Do you see publishing essentially the same content in both ECST and JES/JSS journals as an incentive or detriment? Please expand on this further.
7. What specific actions, measures, and steps do you propose to take to promote ECST among the membership and improve its value proposition?
8. How would you workg with the ECST Editorial Advisory Board, divisions, and symposia organizers to encourage issue development for capturing symposia content in *ECS Transactions*?