

**Nominations.** The Policy Committee of the *MIS Quarterly* (MISQ) invites nominations in writing from the Management Information Systems research community during the period May 6 to June 1, 2015, for the position of Editor-in-Chief (EIC) for a three-year term from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2019. Based on the policy committee's deliberations on the state of the journal, extension to the EIC's term could be considered at the end of the first term. A nominator should determine *in advance* of forwarding a nomination that a candidate is willing to be considered, and explicitly note this in his or her letter. The current EIC, Professor Paulo Goes, University of Arizona, will complete a successful term of editorial service with the journal as of December 31, 2015. MISQ is widely recognized as a premier academic journal in the field of Management Information Systems. The journal is published four times each year. It is published by the University of Minnesota, which makes it available by subscription in print and electronic form, and in electronic form via EBSCO and the Association for Information Systems (AIS).

**Responsibilities.** The MISQ EIC is responsible for setting the editorial vision for the journal, in consultation with the Editorial Board and MISQ's key stakeholders. Other primary responsibilities include managing the MISQ Editorial Board; selecting Associate and Senior Editors in consultation with the current Senior Editors; developing Associate Editors; planning for the contents of special issues and identifying and approving Special Issue Editors; serving as Senior Editor on Issues & Opinions articles and other submissions where appropriate; overseeing the selection of Best Paper and Best Reviewer Awards; overseeing the review process to ensure that papers are processed efficiently; maintaining a strong working relationship with MISQ Publisher's Office at the University of Minnesota; and carrying out liaison and leadership work for the field of MIS with the global constituency of the journal in mind. The EIC also deals with all plagiarism cases brought to the attention of the journal. Another key responsibility is to serve as the international ambassador for the journal; this requires the EIC to travel domestically and internationally in response to invitations.

For each issue, the MISQ EIC is responsible for writing an editorial (Editor's Comments), or soliciting a Guest Editorial for the issue. The editing of published articles for the journal, the production of the printed journal issues, and financial budgeting and operations planning are handled by the Publisher and the MISQ Staff at the University of Minnesota. Oversight of the MISQ EIC's activities is provided by the MISQ Policy Committee. The expectation is for the EIC to consult with the Policy Committee and the Publisher's Office on all matters that deviate from the established policies and practices of the journal. In addition, the EIC is expected to be a major contributor to the decision-making process on changes in the electronic reviewing system. The current EIC estimates the time per week on MISQ editorial work to be highly variable, but the average across the entire year would be something between 35 to 40 hours, including travel time.

**Qualifications.** The key qualifications for the MISQ EIC position include (1) senior editorial experience at one of the leading journals in the MIS field (e.g., MISQ preferred, but also *Management Science*, *Information Systems Research*, *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, etc.); (2) evidence of significant scholarship and research contributions to the field of MIS; (3) awareness of the state-of-the-art in MIS research, and a personal commitment to nurturing new ideas and supporting an agenda for research in the field that embraces the full scope of scholarship in the community; (4) a track record of working well with people, being a strong communicator, managing editorial work to deadlines, pursuing decisions in a consultative manner, balancing detailed and high-level issues in his/her work, and other management experience; (5) evidence of significant support from the candidate's college or university in terms of course teaching releases, summer salary, and/or a budget for office staff and travel; and (6) the ability and commitment to sustain a heavy service workload in service to the MIS field for three years, in view of career, family, and personal considerations. An additional desirable characteristic is evidence of leadership in the IS discipline, for example, chairing AIS and INFORMS conferences, and elected or appointed roles in professional organizations related to the discipline.

**Selection Process.** The selection process will consist of two phases. The **first phase** is the nomination phase, in which the MISQ Policy Committee is requesting nominations for candidates. The nomination phase will conclude on June 1, 2015, with invitations made several days later to the most promising candidates to submit a current CV, a "Statement of University Support," and a "Vision Statement" for their role as MISQ EIC no later than July 15, 2015. The **second phase** will involve the evaluation of candidates by the Policy Committee, based on the submitted information. During this phase, the Policy Committee will screen the nominees, conduct group telephone interviews, consult with senior research leaders in the field to determine the appropriateness of the candidates, and make a final decision, resulting in an invitation for a new EIC. The earliest completion date for this phase is September 25, 2015, with interviews to occur during first two weeks of August, 2015. The overall goal is to make it possible for a new candidate to begin "shadowing" the current EIC in early October, 2015, so that the incoming EIC has three months to establish an understanding of the journal's operations and activities, and the people involved.

**Statement of University Support.** Given the extensive commitment of time that is required from the MISQ EIC, the Policy Committee requests a brief one-page "Statement of University Support" letter from nominees who pass the first screening phase for the MISQ EIC position. This **first required statement** should indicate any specifics for the support that the candidate's Dean's Office is willing to provide to them in this work. Nominees who pass the initial screening phase are welcome to consult with the current MISQ EIC or the Search Committee Chair about the kinds of support that he/she may be able to obtain.

**Vision Statement.** In addition, nominees who pass the first phase screening for the MISQ EIC by the Policy Committee will be invited to respond to the following four points in a "Vision Statement": (1) your evaluation of the current state of the journal based on your knowledge of the MISQ; (2) the directions that you believe the MISQ should take during the coming three years; (3) how you see your role as EIC in identifying the critical operational and developmental issues for

MISQ, and for moving research forward in the MIS field; and (4) any personal issues that you may have related to the EIC position, or personal requirements that need to be discussed. Nominees should present this **second required statement** in no more than 5 pages, with 11-point, 1.5-space fonts.

**Making the Nomination.** Nominations for the next MISQ EIC should include a letter of support from the nominator to any of the members of the MISQ Policy Committee, with a copy to the following address: [misq.eicsearch@gmail.com](mailto:misq.eicsearch@gmail.com). Self-nominations are discouraged. The MIS Quarterly Policy Committee consists of

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