

IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC) Treasurer Position Description



IEEE policy requires the Conference Treasurer to be a Region 6 IEEE member

The GHTC Treasurer is appointed by the GHTC advisory board and is responsible to the GHTC advisory board and the Region 6 Director for the execution of duties following the GHTC guidelines playbook and financial policies documented in the GHTC MOU.

The Conference Treasurer is responsible for the financial aspects of a successful GHTC by achieving key objectives:

- Contribute to achieving IEEE and HAC objectives.
- Deliver the GHTC value proposition.
- Increase the credibility of GHTC.

Pre-Conference Responsibilities:

(5-10 hrs/week for the first 3-4 months) (About 10-15 hrs per week for the next 6 months) (Can be 20-30 hrs/week leading up to few months/weeks before the conference.)

- Work with the Chair to document GHTC financial policies in the MOU, including the requirement that any expense must be documented with a quotation and invoice that have been pre-approved by (usually) the Chair and Treasurer or their delegate.
- Work with the Chair to achieve approval on the MOU by Financial and Technical/Publishing parties.
- Work with the Chair, Program Chair and Local Arrangements Chair to develop the preliminary Budget, identifying items and account code that exceed 5% of the working budget, using prior year numbers and any new quotations that are developed. Of particular importance is the Food and Beverage budget and subsidies to key participants.
- Work with the Chair and Chairs of Program, Registration, Website Development, Publicity, and Local Arrangements, etc to develop a preliminary timeline for key stages.
- Using the preliminary Budget, work with the Chair to review and identify key potential Grant-Awarding organizations; probably engage IEEE Grants in this review.
- Using the preliminary Budget, work with the Chair and Sponsor/Exhibitor Chair to identify key potential Sponsors and Exhibitors
- Using the preliminary Budget, work with the Chair and Sponsor/Exhibitor Chair and Registration to establish registration fees and deadlines.
- Make all payments for expenditures to meet approved vendor agreements
- Be responsible for depositing and accounting for all conference income
- Document all expenditures and income (receipts/invoices, emails, etc)

During the Conference Responsibilities: (8-12 hours/day)

• Plan for and work toward a surplus on the order of 20%.

• Track expenses (with documentation), cancellations, room-nights (possible penalties) and unapproved requests for reimbursement.

Post-Conference Responsibilities:

(5-10 hrs/week until the final reports are submitted, grants are received, surplus is distributed, CBRS is closed)

- Prepare and submit the NetSuite submissions for Financial Reporting, using CBRS/NetSuite
- Distribute any surplus.
- Develop financial data required to plan the following year's GHTC.
- Contribute to improving the GHTC Playbook; possibly engage IEEE-POCO (Panel of Conference Organizers) in this review.
- Plan for and work toward a surplus transfer for the following year's GHTC.
- Work with Conference Finance to review/modify the current Conference COA to simplify future Treasurer's tasks; possibly engage IEEE-POCO in this review.
- Work with IEEE Tax/Legal to strengthen GHTC policy for refunds/cancellations to minimize visa-related fraud; possibly notify (via website) that any requests for a visa by a registrant who later cancels will be followed by a notice to the consulate that the registration has been cancelled and the GHTC visa letter is withdrawn.

Qualifications /Skills (Musts)

- 1. Be an active (paid-up) IEEE member grade or higher with a completed and signed POBC/COI form on file.
- 2. Have experience with IEEE CBRS, EFT, IEEE Transfer, and Cash/Check deposit processes as well as Financial Reporting using NetSuite
- 3. Demonstrate good skills in spreadsheet manipulation, good communications (oral and written) and reading
- 4. Have the ability to work with a globally disparate team of volunteers
- 5. Be flexible and be willing to change and quickly adopt new work methods
- 6. Demonstrate interpersonal skills with sensitivity to cross-cultural and transnational issues.
- 7. Understand current IEEE conference process and procedure OR be willing to commit the time to learn these quickly
- 8. Be willing to embrace the Strategic Vision of GHTC and to commit to achieving GHTC/HAC/IEEE objectives.

Qualifications /Skills (Helpful)

1. Prior contact and working relationship with IEEE Finance, Treasury, CBRS Staff, MCE Staff

- 2. Have a desire for or experience in translating strategic vision into tactical action and providing direction and guidance to the design and implementation teams that carry out the mission.
- 3. Familiarity with the Conference Finance Chart of Accounts and the IEEE Conference Timeline/Schedule is helpful
- 4. Project and time-management experience, including the ability to create in advance and execute a 12-18 months plan.
- 5. Have an understanding of remote/electronic working environments and IEEE tools such as IEEE Webex.

Potential candidates must submit an application online at the GHTC website at http://www.ieeeghtc.org/committee-contacts/committee-positions/, which will include basic information, as well as the qualifications which would make the candidate an excellent GHTC chair. The application process may include a brief interview as well as request for references to substantiate the candidate's skills at leading successful events of a similar nature.

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