

Standards Committee Nomination Form

2018-2019 Term Election – Segments 1-10 (Two-year term)

Special Election Segment 3 – One-year Term

Special Election Segment 5 – One-year Term

Special Election Segment 7 – One-year Term

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) [Standards Committee](#) (SC) has two members from each of the ten industry segments. Each SC member is elected by the segment he or she represents. The SC reports to the NERC Board of Trustees and oversees the development of NERC Reliability Standards by performing tasks governed by the [Standard Processes Manual](#), the [Standards Committee Charter](#), and the [SC Work Plan](#).

Anyone may submit a nomination. To be eligible for nomination, a nominee shall be an employee or agent of an entity registered in the applicable Segment. To allow verification of affiliation, **a nominee must be a registered user in the NERC Registered Ballot Body**. It is not required that the nominee be the same person as the entity’s Registered Ballot Body representative for that Segment. Instructions are provided in [Appendix 3B](#) of the NERC Rules of Procedure – *Procedure for Election of Members of the NERC Standards Committee Procedure*. Completed nomination forms will be posted on the [SC Nominations and Elections webpage](#).

Nominations are currently being accepted for each of the ten segments for two-year terms. In addition, we are seeking nominations for Segments 3, 5, and 7 for one-year terms.

Please use this form to nominate candidates. For Segments 3, 5, and 7 include whether you are interested in the one-year or two-year term. You may submit more than one nomination. Please, however, use one form per nomination. You are welcome to nominate yourself.

Nominee’s name and contact information.	
Name	L. Chris N. Shepherd
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Has the nominee been contacted to verify willingness to serve on the SC?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>Does the nominee meet the following definition of “Canadian” contained in the NERC Rules of Procedure?</p> <p><i>“Canadian” means one of the following: (a) a company or association incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada, or its designated representative(s) irrespective of nationality; (b) an agency of a federal, provincial, or local government in Canada, or its designated representative(s) irrespective of nationality; or (c) a self-representing individual who is a Canadian citizen residing in Canada.</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Person making this nomination (if different from nominee).	
Name	Same
Organization	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
Mailing Address	

Please indicate the industry segment number (1-10) in which the nominee seeks election:

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If seeking nomination for Segments 3, 5, or 7 please indicate whether you are interested in the one-year or two-year term.

Two-year term

Please provide a brief summary of the nominee’s qualifications for this SC position. (The summary should be no longer than a single page of single-spaced text.)

Mr. Shepherd has extensive experience developing clients and companies in compliance projects for electric utilities. Since 2001, Chris has worked within the Energy Sector managing diverse client projects addressing NERC CIP, Sarbanes-Oxley, FCC frequency narrow-banding, and post-9/11 cyber/physical security protections. As a subject matter expert, significant time and effort has been spent ensuring NERC CIP v3 and v5 programs have been properly implemented and managed.

Chris has over seven (7) years of direct experience providing CIP professional services. This includes cybersecurity architecture and design, as well as ensuring that industry best practices are understood and implemented, where beneficial. In all cases, he provides a high level of professional consulting services through his employees and personal hands-on involvement.

Contribution back into Industry continues through participation as a Committee Member of the NERC Reliability Issues Steering Committee (**RISC**) which reports directly to the NERC Board of Trustees to evaluate and make recommendations on risks to the electricity industry. Chris has also co-authored several NERC Electric Industry Guidelines.

Chris is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and has worked within the power industry for the last 16 years. Prior to the Energy Industry, Chris spent 16 years managing mergers/acquisitions and enterprise projects within the Banking Industry. His entrepreneurial capabilities are reflected in having owned and operated three corporations, each starting from concept through maturity. ICCT Corp, a compliance consulting company, was acquired in 2014 by NAES Corporation, a 3rd party generation operator. Chris' role changed from President of ICCT Corp to Director for NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Services. He was responsible for the creation of a NERC CIP business line that serviced generation and transmission entities (IPP, Municipalities, privately owned) and by developing an external client base across all eight (8) NERC Regions. In June 2016, Chris stepped down as NAES Director to take on the role as Chief Operations Officer for 3Sys Corp. Oversight includes marketing and sales, finance, and product/service development. Staff management centers around developing subject matter experts and providing the means to ensure consistent quality deliverables

Managing electric utility clients and 3rd party vendor team members for NERC CIP has evolved from UA-1200 through CIP v3 and v5 Reliability Standards. This includes full life-cycle CIP program implementation and evaluation for high, medium, and low impact facilities; gap analysis and audit prep (mock audits); IT/OT network design to support control systems, business and security networks; selection and implementation of compliance workflow applications; and, development of compliance documentation templates for client-based customization or reuse across projects.

Chris' extensive hands-on program management and technical experience is respected throughout the industry which enables him to deal more efficiently and effectively with complex issues. Mr. Shepherd has served in many consulting leadership roles and has provided guidance to client senior management.

Please complete this form no later than **Monday, October 2, 2017** and send to monica.bales@nerc.net.