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Ms. Eleanor K. Meltzer  
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Reference: Nomination of David Ostfeld to USPTO Public Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Meltzer:

IEEE-USA nominates Mr. David Ostfeld to serve as a representative of a nonprofit organization on the Public Advisory Committee which reviews the policies, goals, performance, budget and user fees of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with respect to patents.

Mr. Ostfeld, currently with the Houston, TX law offices of Adams and Reese, has 30 years of experience working as an engineer and attorney specializing in technology and intellectual property. Among other professional organizations, he is an active member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE) where he serves as the current chair of the IEEE-USA Entrepreneurial Activities Committee. Mr. Ostfeld has also served as chair of the IEEE-USA Intellectual Property Policy Committee (IPC). During his tenure, the IPC was instrumental in representing the interests of U.S. inventors by filing amicus briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a balanced patent system that encourages both protection of inventors' rights and advancements in innovative technologies. Mr. Ostfeld also testified before House and Senate committees on intellectual property matters, and he helped draft and implement a U.S. Department of Commerce-sponsored Joint Research Model Contract which served as an enforceable mechanism for determining IP ownership in projects where universities, corporations and individuals played a development role.

Mr. Ostfeld's comprehensive resume is attached for your review. I believe that he maintains the required integrity and experience necessary to fulfill such a position and I highly recommend his appointment to the patent advisory committee. Should you have any questions regarding Mr. Ostfeld's experience or IEEE-USA, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Erica Wissolik of our government relations staff at (202) 530-8347.

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Sincerely,



John Meredith, President  
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