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Members of the Executive Committee

I believe that the Awards Committee has recommended the award of a Fellowship to Mr. M. L. Ravi. This is shocking.

Some of you may not be aware that Mr M L Ravi - during his tenure as President in 2004-2005 as President - had brought DISREPUTE and DAMAGES to our Society by unilaterally writing to the Registrar of Societies that CSI was not complying with the requirements of law, without consulting the ExecCom.

These actions of then President were discussed by the ExecCom meetings in 2004-05 and 2005-06, and it was concluded that his charges were frivolous and personally motivated. It took more than 6 months' time and enormous amount of effort by the ExecCom, the then Vice President, Mr. P R. Rangaswami and HQ to resolve this issue satisfactorily with the Registrar of Societies. During this time, Mr. M.L. Ravi also wrote to the Registrar that he was not responsible for the documents submitted by the CSI HQ. He also insisted that the Elections for 2005-06 were not valid even though he had signed on the ExecCom Election Results sent to the Registrar of Societies, and asked for the first ExecCom to be cancelled.

The ExecCom held on 2/3 July 2005 discussed the complaints against Mr. M. L. Ravi and unanimously asked for a Disciplinary enquiry by the DC headed by Prof P V S Rao. Mr. Ravi was summoned before the DC and was given written notices by the Society in Sept, Oct and Nov 2005, but there was no response from him. In view of the decision to initiate an enquiry against Mr. M. L. Ravi, the ExecCom had decided that Mr. Ravi would not represent CSI in any capacity anywhere, nor make any statements on behalf of CSI. That is why the CSI Annual Accounts for 2004-05 were signed by the Acting President (and the then Vice President) Mr. P.R. Rangaswami, Hon. Secretary Mr. S. R. Karode, and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Bipin Mehta.

I am bringing these facts to your attention, because these ExecCom decisions were taken in my time as the President of your Society in 2005-06.

I am wondering how the prestigious FELLOWSHIP award to be given to a professional of eminence who has contributed significantly to the Society and Computer Science can be awarded to a Person like Mr. M. L. Ravi, who has brought disrepute and damage to the image of the society. This is an obvious insult to all the deserving Fellowship awardees of the last 50 years.

In addition, the Fellowship Award was given by an Awards Committee which was NOT chaired by the Immediate Past President, who is the Chairman, Awards Committee. As you are aware, the Immediate Past President has gone to Court against his removal as Past President based on an old complaint (unsigned and undated) by the same Mr. M. L. Ravi, and this issue is *sub judice*. The *illegal* Awards Committee seems to have *rewarded* Mr. Ravi for his help in removal of the Immediate Past President.

Therefore, I would like to ask the Executive Committee to reject the *mala fide* recommendation to give the Fellowship Award to Mr. M. L. Ravi.

Otherwise I would have no alternative but to take this up with the other Fellows of the Society, and at the Think Tank and the AGM. Please note that the ExecCom finalises the list of awardees after noting the recommendation of the Award Committee and therefore, clearly the responsibility rests with the ExecCom. Conferment of the prestigious CSI Fellowship at this stage to a person who has been of disservice to the Society will provide the motive, *if one was needed*, for the removal of the Immediate Past President. There are legal implications which will arise out of this act.

I would urge you to carefully consider the implications and desist from approving this award.

Regards,



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