

September 14, 2006

To: IEEE Information Theory Society BoG
From: Steven McLaughlin, Junior Past President
Subject: Modifications to IT Society Constitution and IT Society By-laws

+A number of changes have arisen and been proposed for our bylaws and constitution. This report addresses those changes. There are eight items that need to be addressed or discussed.

Already incorporated for your approval/modification at this meeting:

1. Add the Joint IT/Comm award
2. Add the Chapter Award
3. Rename the Distinguished Service Award the Aaron D. Wyner Distinguished Service Award
4. Incorporate "IEEE Must Haves" into our Constitution and By-laws
 - (not done, needs discussion) Definition of quorum ([Ref: IEEE Bylaw I-300.5](#))
 - (done) Action of the [governing body] and committees thereof. ([Ref: IEEE Bylaw](#)
 - (done) Nominations and Appointments Committee ([Ref: IEEE Bylaw I-308.1](#))
 - (done) Petition signature requirements ([Ref: IEEE Bylaw I-308.16 and IEEE Policy 13.8.3](#))

Items for discussion

4. Incorporate "IEEE Must Haves" into our Constitution and By-laws
 - Definition of quorum ([Ref: IEEE Bylaw I-300.5](#))
5. make the editor in chief a voting member of BoG (recommendation – YES)
6. consider making the online editor a voting member of BoG (recommendation – YES)
7. consider making the first past president in charge of membership (recommendation – YES)
8. consider making the first past president or the nominations committee lead the process for nominating new officers, particularly the second vp. (recommendation: 1st VP)