

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

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Constitution and Bylaws Committee

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Documents that Accompany This Report

None

Bylaw Amendment for Consideration at the March 2009 BoG Meeting

The Bylaws still do not mention the ComSoc/ITSoc Joint Paper Award, which has been presented annually since 2002. It is therefore proposed that the following article be added:

Article XI. IEEE Communications Society - Information Theory Society Joint Paper Award

Section 1. The IEEE Communications Society - Information Theory Society Joint Paper Award (ComSoc/ITSoc Joint Paper Award) shall be given annually for an outstanding paper appearing in any publication of the IEEE Communications Society or the IEEE Information Theory Society in the previous three calendar years. The Award consists of \$500 and a plaque for each author (total cash award not to exceed \$1,000 for each paper).

Section 2. The award winner shall be decided by a joint ComSoc/ITSoc awards committee, which shall consist of an equal number of members appointed by ComSoc and by ITSoc. The chairmanship of the committee shall alternate yearly between the Societies.

An open call for nominations to this award shall be published in the IT Newsletter, with a deadline of March 1. The IT members of the joint ComSoc/ITSoc awards committee shall also be identified by March 1. The awards committee shall develop a list of at least five candidate papers from the open call, as well as from internal nominations. No paper previously selected for an IT paper award shall be eligible for the joint award, and no paper selected for the joint award shall subsequently be eligible for an IT paper award. Normally in a given year one paper will be selected, but in exceptional circumstances up to two may be chosen. The committee may also decline to make any award, if they decide that no suitable paper has been nominated.

Notice of the winner shall be given to the IEEE for preparation of plaques and checks by June 1. The winners shall be notified as soon as possible, and given the option to select a ComSoc or ITSoc conference at which the award will be presented.