

Membership Committee Proposal

- At the ITA BoG meeting, Ad Hoc Committee recommended to combine 3 committees under one **Membership Committee**
- Proposed Bylaws Text (see below) has two sub-committees: a **Student** Subcommittee and an **Outreach** Subcommittee. The Student Subcommittee is assigned the Schools.
- President's suggestion for comment: add a **School** Subcommittee
- Motivations:
 - the Schools are our main educational activity and their handling involves soliciting volunteers for, helping organize, and monitoring a small workshop (otherwise conference committee/treasurer jobs)
 - It requires **international contacts** and is **time-intensive**, e.g., Schools are registered IEEE conferences
 - we have 2 established schools and 4 proposed new schools
 - Student committee is now NA-focused and has enough to do

Comments/Question

- Suggest that Bylaws change be made at ITW
- Consolidating committees is OK.
- But the next 2nd VPs will have much more responsibility, concerns, and work than in the past. Is it too much?

Proposed Bylaws Text

The Membership Committee shall consist of the 2nd Vice-President of the Society, who shall serve as chairperson, and of such other Society members as are appointed by the 2nd Vice-President. The committee shall include at least two graduate students or postdoctoral fellows as members. The Standing Sub-Committees of the Membership Committee shall include the following:

1. Student Sub-Committee
2. Outreach Sub-Committee

Proposed Bylaws Text (cont'd)

Subsection A. The Student Sub-Committee shall consist of the 2nd Vice President, a Student Sub-Committee chair appointed by the 2nd Vice President, such other Membership Committee members as are appointed by the 2nd Vice-President, and such additional student members of the IT Society as are appointed by the Student Sub-Committee Chair. The Student Sub-Committee shall be responsible for providing oversight of the Society's student activities, including: (i) planning and implementation of student activities at Symposia and Workshops, and (ii) planning and implementation, subject to approval by the Board of Governors, of major student educational activities such as Schools of Information Theory.

Proposed Bylaws Text (cont'd)

Subsection B. The Outreach Sub-Committee shall consist of the 2nd Vice-President, an Outreach Sub-Committee chair appointed by the 2nd Vice-President, such other Membership Committee members as are appointed by the 2nd Vice-President, and such additional members of the IT Society as are appointed by the Outreach Sub-Committee Chair. The Outreach Sub-Committee shall be responsible for providing oversight of the Society's outreach activities, including: (i) planning and implementation of activities at symposia and workshop that address needs and encourage participation of the Society's underrepresented demographics, while being of interest to the community at large, and (ii) creating services, such as the mentoring network, that address needs of current members or are designed to encourage participation of potential future members of the Society.

Proposed Bylaws Text (cont'd)

In addition to the activities of the Sub-Committees, this Committee shall be responsible for maintaining up to date membership records, a roster of Chapter officers, and a summary of current Chapter activities. The Committee shall recommend measures for disseminating information about the Society and for encouraging interest in Society activities among prospective members. It shall respond to membership inquiries and shall periodically ascertain the opinions of the membership with regard to Society policies and activities.