

Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

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Constitution and Bylaws Committee

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Documents that Accompany This Report

constitution_rev7.pdf	The IT Constitution with proposed revisions marked.
bylaws_rev6.pdf	The IT Bylaws with proposed revisions marked.
musthaves.pdf	List of IEEE mandates for updating society constitutions and bylaws.

Constitutional Amendments for Consideration at the March 2007 BoG Meeting

Article V Governance

Section 1.

It is proposed to modify a sentence so it provides a complete description of BoG. The current description says BoG consists of elected members and statutory members specified in the Bylaws. However, some statutory members, e.g. the Secretary and Treasurer, are specified in the Constitution.

As a Bylaws amendment, it is being proposed that the IT Trans. EIC be made a voting member of BoG. A proposed new sentence here is intended to make it clear that the Bylaws may assign voting rights to a statutory member. The EIC would be the first statutory member of BoG specified in the Bylaws.

Article IX/X Amendments

In the amendments approved by BoG on 3/14/07, the numbering of the article on Amendments was mistakenly changed from IX to X. This happened because there had been a proposal to insert a new Article on Petition Signature Requirements, consideration of which was postponed. This new article is now being proposed for inclusion in the Bylaws rather than the Constitution. Since the change of numbering was a mistake, the change back to IX might not require approval, but is being proposed here for approval, just in case.

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Article III Board of Governors

Section 3.

It is proposed to add a clarification of the rule that the President may vote in BoG matters only if the vote would affect the outcome. This was prompted by recent discussions in TAB.

Article IV Nominations and Elections

Section 1.

As discussed in previous BoG meetings, IEEE has asked all Societies to update their Constitutions and Bylaws by the end of 2007 regarding the issues described in the attached "Must Haves" document. We have made all of the requested changes except those concerning the requirements for allowing BoG candidates to be nominated by petition. The proposed modifications to this section are an edited version of the IEEE wording in the Must Haves document.

Nominations for BoG mostly come from the Nominations and Appointments Committee, but they also come from BoG members. It is now proposed to add words saying that such additional nominations be made at the Annual Meeting of the Society, which has been our tradition.

Article V. Standing Committees

Section 5

It is proposed to eliminate references to IEEE awards that have been suspended or no longer exist.

Section 7

It is proposed to designate the IEEE Trans. Editor-in-Chief as a voting member of BoG. It is also proposed to add a one term limit, as recommended by the TAB Periodicals Review Committee after our Five Year Review, earlier this year.