

**IEEE AES Society
Proposed Constitution &
ByLaws Changes**

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Constitution & ByLaws Changes

- Proposed **constitution changes** initiated by BoG, or petition by 25 members
- BoG approves proposed changes to Constitution
 - Vote process not specified; ergo is simple majority
 - proposed amendment summarized in Transactions, Magazine or Society Webpage
 - Automatically become effective unless at least 10% of members object within 30 days of publication
 - Submitted (in parallel) to TAB VP for review and approval
 - **Fol Changes require full TAB approval**
- Proposed **bylaws changes** initiated by BoG
 - Vote requires 2/3 majority, 30 days advance notice of such vote is required
 - Publish notice of amendment in Transactions or Magazine; no approval required
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Implementation Plan

- Summarize types of changes being recommended
- IEEE “Must-haves” were included in 2009 update
- Additional recommendations by SRC received March 30
- Gain consensus by BoG for
- Agree on Fol change April 2010, submit to TAB
- Provide Mark-up document to BoG for review of other specific wording changes within next 21 days
- Electronic vote to follow
 - *Rationale for implementation plan with vote to follow:*

There is no greater need among Mankind...

**...Than to edit the written
word of another**

Review Field of Interest

as contained in Constitution

The field of interest shall be the organization design, development, integration, and operation of complex systems for space, air, ocean, or ground environments.

These systems include but are not limited to navigation, avionics, mobile electric power and electronics, radar, sonar, telemetry, military, law-enforcement, automatic test, simulators, and command and control.

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Proposed Field of Interest

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Constitution Changes Proposed

- Add that President may designate either Executive Vice-President or Past President to fulfill duties of President in the event of his/her absence
- Simplify N&A membership by referring to Bylaws, vs. repeating the conditions.
- Clarify Quorum requirements
 - Voting members of BoG will vary by as many as 6 if Past Presidents or 2-year Vice-Presidents “term out” during their tenure.
 - Jayne Cerone will assist with wording; conditional formula may be used in lieu of a fixed number
- Correct inadvertent error in publishing updated Bylaws in that Web publishing is also allowed (as in Constitution)

ByLaws Changes Proposed

- **Allow Treasurer to be appointed from outside of the elected BoG**
 - *Secretary still appointed from within the BoG*
- **Delete designation of duties to Exec VP or Past President from ByLaws as this is contained in Constitution; simple reference will be substituted**
- **Add as potential sources of income Magazine, IEL/ASPP Revenue, and grants to current list of Conferences & Investments**
- **Add MOU requirements to Conferences section for cosponsored conferences; Society President approval required of intent**
- **Clarify e-voting rules.**

Motion

- Approve revised Field of Interest