

IEEE Communications Society Bylaws - Article 6 - Boards

6.1 Boards are the operational and strategic entities below, organized under Councils, and chaired by Directors.

- **Conference Development**
- **Conference Operations**
- **Conference Publications**
- **Education**
- **Journals**
- **Magazines**
- **Marketing & Industry Relations**
- **Membership Programs Development**
- **On-Line Content**
- **Regional - Asia/Pacific**
- **Regional - Europe, Middle-East & Africa**
- **Regional - Latin America**
- **Regional - North America**
- **Sister & Related Societies**
- **Standards Development**
- **Standardization Programs Development**

6.2 Directors are responsible for appointing members to their Boards, with the approval of the appropriate Vice President. Board members serve for the duration of the Director's term. Each Director may appoint a secretary and additional members as needed. In addition to the designated voting members, each Board may approve voting rights for additional members.

6.3 Policies and Procedures for each Board are developed by the Board and approved by the appropriate Vice President with consent of the BoG. Policy & Procedures & Operating Procedures of the Standards Development Board and of the Standards Committees reporting to the Standards Development Board must also conform to and be approved by IEEE-SA Standards Board. They should conform to the requirements and templates specified in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operation Manual.

6.4 Board Descriptions

6.4.1 Conference Development – This Board is responsible for the strategic planning, technical scope, and growth of all ComSoc conferences. Members include representatives from the Technical Activities Council, and at least four Members-at-Large with at least one having served as the technical program chair and at least one as the general chair of a major conference. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director.

6.4.2 Conference Operations – This Board is responsible for the oversight and management of the operational and financial aspects of all ComSoc conferences. Members include the ComSoc Treasurer and at least five Members-at-Large with at least two having served as the general chair and at least one as the technical program chair of a major conference. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director.

6.4.3 Conference Publications – This Board is responsible for the oversight of all ComSoc conference-based intellectual property. Members include representatives from GITC and major conferences. Additional members can be appointed. All are voting members, in addition to the Director.

6.4.4 Education – This Board is responsible for the oversight of all Society educational activities, including administration of the Society's programs on continuing education, incorporating tutorials, short courses, lectures, etc. Members include representatives from the Conference Development, Conference Operations, Conference Publications and Membership Programs Development Boards, and at least two Members-at-Large. All are voting members, in addition to the Director. The composition of this Board should be drawn from the academic, industrial, and government communities.

6.4.5 Journals – This Board is responsible for the oversight of Society journals. Voting members are the Editors-in-Chief of Society journals and two Members-at-Large, in addition to the Director. Additional members can be appointed, including Liaison Editors to other IEEE journals. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director.

6.4.6 Magazines – This Board is responsible for the oversight of Society magazines. Voting members consist of the Editors-in-Chief of Society magazines and two Members-at-Large, in addition to the Director. Additional members can be appointed, including Liaison Editors to other IEEE magazines. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director.

6.4.7 Marketing & Industry Relations – This Board is responsible for assuring a comprehensive and cost-effective marketing program of Society products and services. It is also responsible for developing liaisons with communication related enterprises to promote ComSoc products and services. Members include representatives from the Membership Programs Development Board, the Member Relations Council, and at least four Members-at-Large. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director. The composition of this board should be drawn from the academic, industrial, and government communities.

6.4.8 Membership Programs Development – This Board is responsible for the oversight of ComSoc member activities and benefits programs, for individuals, chapters, and sections. Members include four Regional Directors plus three members per region selected by the Director

from a list of candidates, consisting of at least four names per region, submitted by each Regional Director. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director. The composition of this board should be drawn from the academic, industrial, and government communities.

6.4.9 On-Line Content – This Board is responsible for initiating, assessing and overseeing Society on-line content. It supports technical committee activities; on-line services; as well as publications, conferences, and education products and services. Members include representatives from the Conference Development, Conference Operations, Education, Journals, and Magazines Boards; the Technical Activities and Member Relations Councils; the CIO; and up to three additional members. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director.

6.4.10 Regional Boards – These Boards are responsible for stimulating, coordinating and promoting the activities of ComSoc members and chapters throughout the IEEE regions. The four regions, each with its own Board, are

- Asia/Pacific
- Europe, Middle-East & Africa
- Latin America
- North America

Regional Boards recruit new ComSoc members; stimulate participation in technical committees, meetings, and conferences; encourage submissions to Society publications; and cooperate and liaison with national scientific and professional societies. Each Board shall have a minimum of five voting members, in addition to the Director. The composition of these boards should be drawn from the academic, industrial, and government communities.

6.4.11 Sister & Related Societies – This Board is responsible for the oversight, collaboration, management, and strategic planning of society relationships with other IEEE societies, with similar national-based societies, and with professional organizations. Membership includes representatives from the Member Relations Council, from selected Sister Societies, from selected Related Societies, and at least three Members-at-Large. All of these are voting members, in addition to the Director.

6.4.12 Standards Development - This Board is responsible for the promotion and advancement of communications standards and standards-related activities. It consists of eight voting members, in addition to the Director, who shall serve as Board Chair. All the Board members, including the Chair, shall serve two year terms concurrent with the Vice-President, Standards Activities. The Board Chair cannot serve in this capacity more than two terms. Other Board members may be reappointed for up to two additional terms. The Board members are appointed by the Director of Standards Development in consultation with the Vice President-Standards Activities and the Vice President-Technical Activities. Priority to serve on the Standards Development Board shall be given to: Standards Committee Chairs, ComSoc appointed Chairs or Co-Chairs for joint Standards Committees, Working Group Chairs who are directly sponsored by the Standards Development Board, ComSoc-appointed Working Group Chairs or Co-Chairs for jointly sponsored Working Groups and volunteers in ComSoc Technical Committee. If no Director – Standards Development is appointed, the Vice President – Standards Activities shall

fill that role.

6.4.13 Standardization Programs Development - This Board is responsible for launching pre- and post-standardization technical activities, not restricted to those standards being developed by the IEEE Standards Association. These would include, but not be limited to Research Groups that lead to the discovery of standardization opportunities and, for completed standards, creation of follow-up programs, such as compliance testing, standards education, workshops and publications on technical issues that are relevant to current standards development. The Board will consist of four voting members, in addition to the Director, who chairs the Board. All four members will be appointed by the Director of Standardization Programs Development, in consultation with the Vice President –Standards Activities and the Vice President – Technical Activities. All the Board members, including the Chair, shall serve two year terms concurrent with the Vice-President, Standards Activities. The Board Chair cannot serve in this capacity more than two terms. Other Board members can be reappointed for up to two additional terms.

6.5 Other operational Boards may be created by majority vote of the BoG. The scope of responsibility and Policies and Procedures must be defined before a new Board will be incorporated into the Bylaws.

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