

# IEEE Communications Society Constitution-

## Article 5 - Organization

5.1 Board of Governors - The Society is governed by an administrative body called the Board of Governors (BoG).

5.1.1 Elected officers - The BoG includes officers elected by the Society membership, such as, but not restricted to:

- President, immediate Past President, and President-elect. - The President is the chief executive officer of the Society.
- Vice Presidents - Each administers a Council responsible for a key area of interest to the Society.
- Members-at-Large - They are elected for staggered multiyear terms. The operations of the Society are assessed periodically, and the number of Members-at-Large is adjusted in accordance with membership needs and growth.
- Society membership representative(s) to IEEE Board of Directors.
- All elected officers have full voting privileges in handling Society affairs.

5.1.2 Appointed officers - The BoG includes a group of officers appointed by the President upon recommendation of the appropriate Vice President. These officers assist in managing Society activities and are supervised by the President and appropriate Vice President. Appointed officers serve concurrently with the President and Vice Presidents, and include:

- Treasurer responsible for Society financial affairs.
- Group of Directors, each of whom administers a major Board responsible for an area important to the Society.
- Other officers with special titles and duties.
- Appointed officers may propose resolutions but do not have voting privileges in the BoG.

5.2 Operating Committee - Management of Society affairs between regular and special meetings of the BoG is delegated to an Operating Committee (OpCom). Actions of the OpCom must be ratified at the next BoG meeting, except those actions taken in areas already delegated.

5.3 Councils - Vice Presidents chair the respective Councils they manage and report to the BoG and OpCom.

5.4 Boards - Major Boards are established and dissolved through resolutions approved by the BoG.

5.5 Committees - The Standing Committees are established and dissolved through resolutions approved by the BoG. Ad Hoc Committees may also be established and dissolved through resolutions approved by the BoG.

5.6 Professional Staff - The staff consists of paid professional employees of IEEE who support the activities of the Society. The staff is managed by a Society Executive Director (hereafter referred to as Executive Director) who also serves as BoG Secretary.

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