

The IEEE Computer Society Board of Governors recently approved the first reading of amendments to the Society's bylaws.

Amendments to Article III Board of Governors Section 2 Officers adds a statement that the Computer Society President is the chair of the Board of Governors. The amendments describe the *ex officio*, non-voting members of the Board of Governors. With this amendment, the chairs of the Magazine Operations Committee, Transactions Operations Committee and Technical Activities Committee will be added as *ex officio*, non-voting members.

Changes are marked in the text. Only the relevant segments of the bylaws in question are reproduced.

Changes to existing Society bylaws that receive first reading approval by the Board of Governors are distributed to Computer Society members for comment.

Members can send comments on the proposed bylaws amendments to Anne Marie Kelly ([amkelly@computer.org](mailto:amkelly@computer.org)) by close of business, Friday, 24 July 2020.

The Board of Governors is scheduled to vote on the second reading of the bylaws amendments during its next Board meeting scheduled for 29 July 2020.

## ARTICLE III - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Section 1: Board of Governors Responsibility

The Board of Governors shall be responsible for providing guidance, at the policy level, to all of the organizational entities within the Society. The Board shall set direction and strategy for the Society, and shall review the performance of the program boards and other committees and entities to assure compliance with its policy directions.

Operational issues should not normally be considered by the Board except in exceptional cases, or when there are requests for policy clarification or change related directly to operational or other program board matters.

### Section 2: Officers and Ex Officio Members

The officers of the Board of Governors shall be the Society's president, president-elect, past president, first vice president, second vice president, and secretary. The president shall chair the Board. The secretary shall be elected by the Board at its annual meeting from the franchised Board members for the following year.

The treasurer, appointed vice presidents, chairs of the Magazine Operating Committee, Transactions Operating Committee, and Technical Activities Committee, IEEE directors, IEEE director-elect, and the Society Executive Director shall be *ex officio* members, without vote, unless otherwise holding a vote as a franchised member of the Board.