

# Summary of the changes to the SMC Society Constitution and Bylaws 07 November, 2008

Changes to the Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society (SMCS) Constitution and Bylaws adopted at the Board of Governors meeting held on October 12, 2008 in Singapore:

## Constitution

### Article III Membership

**Section 2:** Persons who are not members of IEEE who are active in the fields of interest of SMCS may become Society Affiliates upon approval of a Society membership application and payment of the appropriate IEEE and SMCS fees, if they qualify upon the basis of criteria set forth in the Society Bylaws. Society Affiliates are entitled to the same Society services as Society members.

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### Article IV Finances

**Section 4:** The SMCS may raise revenues by other means, such as but not limited to advertising, exhibits, requests for contributions, subscriptions or single-copy charges for its publications and charges for sending notices to non-members provided that such means do not conflict with policies and revenue means of the IEEE. A new revenue means not explicitly covered by IEEE Rules and Regulations must be approved by the IEEE Executive Director before being adopted by the SMCS.

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### Article VI Management Principles

**Section 5:** The Treasurer serves as a member of the ExCom and the Long-Range Planning and Finance Committee. He/she is responsible for drafting the SMCS Budget for consideration by the Long-Range Planning and Finance Committee and, upon approval of the budget by the Society BoG and IEEE TAB, he/she is responsible for approving all disbursements, in accordance with the terms of Section 6 of this Article.

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**Section 6:** The BoG shall utilize the services of the IEEE Headquarters as bursar. All funds shall be administered by the Vice President for Long-Range Planning and Finance according to the rules established by the IEEE Executive Director. Disbursements authorized by the BoG are signed by the Vice President for Long-Range Planning and Finance or the Treasurer if authorized by the VP Long-Range Planning and Finance. In the

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event both signatures are not attainable for good reason, the President is authorized to sign on behalf of either or both parties. The general committee for a symposium or technical conference may, with the advice and consent of the BoG, authorize the symposium treasurer or fiscal officer to open an account to be used for the deposit and disbursement of funds related to the symposium. In each case, the BoG shall be advised of the name of the bank, the anticipated size of the account, the names of account signatories, and of arrangements of bonding in accordance with established policies and procedures of the IEEE. The symposium treasurer or fiscal officer shall provide the IEEE with a bank signature card.

## Article XI Amendments

**Section 1:** Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by (1) a petition signed by 5 percent of the members of the SMCS, or (2) by a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership of the BoG. Such amendments shall be submitted to the Technical Activities Board and to the ~~IEEE Executive Director~~. After approval by the IEEE, the proposed amendment shall be published in an SMCS publication that nominally reaches the entire SMCS membership with notice that it goes into effect 60 days after publication unless 5 percent of the SMCS members object. If such objections are received, a copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed with a ballot to all members of the SMCS at least 30 days before the date appointed for return of the ballot to the IEEE office. Approval of the amendment by at least two-thirds of those voting shall be necessary for its enactment.

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**Section 2:** Bylaws of this Constitution may be adopted or changed by a two-thirds vote of the BoG, provided notice of the proposed change is sent to each member of the BoG at least two weeks prior to such action. No Bylaws shall become effective until they have been published in a SMCS publication that nominally reaches the entire SMCS membership and ~~a copy is provided to the TAB Secretary for IEEE approval.~~

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## Bylaws

### Article I Nominations and Elections

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Additional nominations by the SMCS membership for Members-at-Large for the BoG will be solicited at the BoG Meeting and by announcement posted on the SMCS web site. These nominations must be made by written petition, signed by at least 2 percent of the SMCS members, and filed with the SMCS Secretary at least 28 days before the date of election.  
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### Article IV

## Powers, Privileges, Duties, Fees

**Section 2:** The President and President-Elect shall be ex-officio members of all SMCS Committees over which they do not preside under the Constitution and Bylaws. The President shall have no vote on the BoG except if the vote is by secret ballot or unless the President's vote can change the outcome of the vote.

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