

IEEE INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I—Name, Purpose, Scope, and Functions

Sec. 1—The name of this organization is the Industry Applications Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. It will be also be referred to as the IEEE Industry Applications Society or the IA Society or the Society, or the IAS or IA-34.

Sec. 2—The purposes of the IA Society are technical, scientific, literary, and educational. The Society shall strive for the advancement of the theory and practice of electrical and electronics engineering and the related arts and sciences, in consonance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the IEEE. It shall give special attention to such aims within its field of interest defined under scope.

Sec. 3—The Society, as a transnational organization, is interested in *advancement of the theory and practice of electrical and electronic engineering in the* development, design, manufacture and application of electrical systems, apparatus, devices and controls to the processes and equipment of industry and commerce; promotion of safe, reliable and economic installations; industry leadership in energy conservation and environmental, health, and safety issues; creation of voluntary engineering standards and recommended practices; and the professional development of its membership.

Sec. 4—The functions of the IA Society are to promote close cooperation and exchange of technical information among its members and those of other societies and groups, and committees of IEEE, to hold meetings for the presentation and discussion of papers, and to provide for the needs of its members by stimulating research, initiating and developing voluntary engineering standards and recommended practices, and sponsoring periodical and special publications.

ARTICLE II—Bylaws

Sec. 1—Bylaws shall be established as hereinafter set forth, for the purposes of governing the operations and administration of the society. The term “Bylaws” as used in this Constitution refers to the IA Society’s Bylaws. Bylaws governing the conduct of the affairs of the IA Society shall be in consonance with the governing laws and policies of IEEE and the IA Society Constitution and actions of the IA Society Council.

Sec. 2—Proposed Bylaw changes and reasons therefore shall be sent to all ExecBoard members at least twenty days before the stipulated meeting of the ExecBoard at which the vote shall be taken. The votes of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, at the time of the vote, provided a quorum is present, shall be required to approve any new Bylaw, amendment or revocation. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Sec. 3—Following ExecBoard approval, such proposed amendments shall be sent to the IEEE Technical Activities Board for approval. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall become effective only after obtaining all approvals required by IEEE policies, unless a later time has been specified by the ExecBoard.

ARTICLE III—Policy and Procedures

Sec. 1—The Policies and Procedures Manual provides more detailed statements about specific policies, objectives, and procedures than are contained in the Constitution or Bylaws.

Sec. 2—The Policies and Procedures Manual shall be amended by action of the Society Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV—Membership

Sec. 1—The members of the IA Society are those members of IEEE in good standing who have made application to join and who have paid the annual dues of the Society, as provided in the Society Bylaws.

Sec. 2—Individuals who are not IEEE members may become Affiliate Members of the Society with full voting privileges under qualification criteria as established by IEEE and as further provided in the Society Bylaws.

Sec. 3—Members of the IA Society may participate in Society technical meetings, may present petitions on Society matters, and may serve on committees, if appointed, or hold office as provided for in the Society Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE V—Finances

Sec. 1— Society membership may be maintained only by prompt payment of member dues. Fees may be levied on members of the IA Society for publications and other services and activities, as provided in its Bylaws.

Sec. 2—Registration charges may be collected by the IA Society for attendance at Society meetings, symposia, conferences, and conventions, except for those which are held as sessions or parts of an IEEE International, Regional, or Sectional meeting, symposium, conference, or convention. Registration fees for technical meetings jointly sponsored by the Society and IEEE or non-IEEE entities shall be governed by a suitable IEEE-approved Memorandum of Understanding, or MOU, executed by the Society, the IEEE, and the other entity. These registration charges shall be higher for nonmembers of IEEE than for members.

Sec. 3—Additional IA Society income may be derived from such sources as contributions, advertising, expositions, and educational programs conducted in accordance with IEEE policy, if confirmed in advance by submitting the proposed project to the secretary of the IEEE Technical Activities Board.

Sec. 4—The stewardship for the assets of the IA Society shall be the responsibility of the Society Executive Board of the Council.

Sec. 5—The fiscal year of the IA Society shall be the same as the fiscal year of the IEEE.

Sec. 6—Subscription rates and charges for materials and services to non-members of the IA Society shall be set only after approval by the IEEE Executive Committee.

Sec. 7—Monies held by the IA Society legally belong to IEEE and shall be spent only for purposes consistent with the objectives of the Society and the stated policies of IEEE, except on specific approval by the IEEE Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI—Society Meetings

Sec. 1—The IA Society, or any of its committees, singly or jointly, may hold meetings, conferences, symposia, and conventions, either independently or in cooperation with Sections, Regions, other units of IEEE, or other nonprofit technical organizations, in accordance with IEEE policies, rules, and procedures. Specific dates, places, and budgets shall be approved by the ExecBoard; or by delegation to the Chair of the Meetings Department provided prior budget acceptance is obtained from the IEEE General Manager.

Sec. 2—There shall be at least one general technical meeting, designated as the IA Society Annual Meeting, each year at a time and place selected by the ExecBoard.

Sec. 3—IA Society meetings, conferences, symposia, and conventions shall be open to all members of IEEE, upon payment of the prescribed registration charges, if any, except that participation in the business affairs of the Society shall be limited to members of the responsible Society unit.

Sec. 4—Sponsorship or cosponsorship of events involving government classified or restricted data by IEEE shall be in accordance with the IEEE Policies and Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE VII—Publications

Sec. 1—The IA Society shall issue, subject to the editorial and fiscal policies of IEEE, but on its own financial responsibility, such periodical and occasional publications as the ExecBoard or its delegated agency shall determine to be of technical interest or professional value to the members of the Society, as indicated in the Bylaws.

Sec. 2—All members of the IA Society shall be entitled to receive, in consideration of a portion of their membership dues, periodical publications, conference notices, and other materials sponsored by the Society as prescribed in the Bylaws or determined by ExecBoard.

Sec. 3—All aspects related to the management of the publications program shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII—Chapters

Sec. 1—Chapters of the IA Society may be formed within IEEE Sections, or in a geographical area including several contiguous Sections. Such a Chapter is part of the Section or duly established regional organization and subject to the control and supervision of the Section(s) or regional organization in which it is located. Its principal functions are to promote Chapter and Section meetings and activities within the scope of the IA Society, and to assist the Society officers and committees in the conduct and coordination of the IA Society meetings and activities in the Section Territory. Chapters may be formed jointly with other IEEE societies and groups. They will be formed in accordance with IEEE Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX—Government and Administration

Sec. 1.0—The Council shall be the governing body of the IA Society. Its members shall be chosen to represent adequately the entire membership of the society by election or appointment as prescribed in this Constitution and the Bylaws. All Council members have full voting rights.

1.1—The council membership shall consist of the Society Executive Board (ExecBoard) and all Society Past Presidents (who are members of the Institute) as well as the following ex-officio members:

1. Department officers of the Technical and Operating Departments.
2. Technical Committee and Standing Committee Chairs of the Technical Departments.
3. Area Chairs of the Chapters Department.
4. Committee Chairs of the Operating Departments.
5. Editors-in-Chief of IEEE publications in which the IA Society has a 1/2 or larger financial interest.

1.2—Term of office and procedure for the nomination, election, or appointment of Council members shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

1.3—The Council shall be responsible for the establishment of the policies, practices, and procedures of the IA Society, but shall delegate the active management and such other governing functions as it may choose to the Society Executive Board provided for in this Constitution.

1.4—The Council shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place designated by the Society Executive Board of the Council. Additional meetings may be called by this Board or on petition by ten percent of the Council members.

1.5—A quorum for action of the Council shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws. Procedures for the conduct of Council business shall be prescribed in the Bylaws.

1.6—The Society President shall be the presiding officer of the Council. The presiding officer of the Council shall have no vote on the Council except if the vote is by secret ballot or unless the Chair's vote can change the outcome of the vote.

Sec. 2.0— The Officers of the IA Society shall be the Society President, Society President Elect, Society Vice President, and Society Treasurer. The Society Past President will continue ex officio in the organization until his successor takes his place.

2.1—The Society Officers shall be IEEE Fellows or Senior Members and shall be appointed by the Council in a manner and for terms as prescribed in the Bylaws.

2.2—The Society Officers shall be the corresponding officers of the Council and the Society Executive Board and shall have duties and responsibilities as prescribed in the Bylaws.

2.3—The Society President shall be an ex officio member of all Society Committees.

2.4—The Society President shall serve as a member of the IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB) and shall represent the IA Society at all meetings of that

board. Alternates may be designated in accordance with IEEE procedures and the procedures defined in the TAB Operations Manual.

2.5—The Society President-Elect shall act on behalf of the President in his/her absence.

Sec. 3.0—IA Society Departments and Society Committees shall be established with responsibilities and duties as prescribed in the Bylaws. Society Committees include Operating Committees assigned to Departments and Standing Committees of the Society Executive Board.

3.1—Department Chairs shall be IEEE Fellows or Senior Members. They shall be appointed by the Society Executive Board or by the Council in a manner and for terms as prescribed in the Bylaws.

3.2—Other Department personnel shall be appointed in a manner and for terms as prescribed in the Bylaws.

3.3—Society Committee Officers and Members shall be appointed in a manner and for terms as prescribed in the Bylaws.

3.4—The responsibilities and duties of Departments and Society Committees shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Sec. 4.0—The Society Executive Board of the Council, hereinafter referred to as the ExecBoard, shall manage and conduct the affairs of the IA Society in accordance with this Constitution and Bylaws and the guidance of the Council.

4.1—The ExecBoard membership shall consist of the Society Officers, the most recent Society Past President, the Society Standing Committee Chairs, the Technical and Operating Department Chairs, and not less than six or more than nine Members-at-Large.

4.2—The Members-at-Large shall be appointed by the Council as prescribed in the Bylaws. The number of Members-at-Large will be determined by action of the ExecBoard as prescribed in the Bylaws.

4.3—Terms of office and procedures for the nomination, election, or appointment of ExecBoard members shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

4.4—The responsibilities and duties of the ExecBoard shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

4.5—The ExecBoard shall hold at least three meetings each year as prescribed in the Bylaws.

4.6—A quorum for action of the ExecBoard shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws. Procedures for the conduct of ExecBoard business shall be prescribed by the Bylaws.

4.7—The Society President shall be the presiding officer of the ExecBoard. The presiding officer shall have no vote on the ExecBoard except if the vote is by secret ballot or unless the Chair's vote can change the outcome of the vote.

4.8—Management of the Society, under the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies established by the Council and the ExecBoard, may be delegated to Officers,

Departments, or Society Committees, as specified in the Society Bylaws or directed by ExecBoard.

Sec. 5.0—The terms of all elected and appointed officers and committee personnel, shall begin on a date specified in the Bylaws.

Sec. 6.0—Neither the IA Society, nor any officer nor representative thereof, shall have authority to contract debts for, pledge the credit of, or in any way bind the IEEE. When necessary for effective operation of the Society, the ExecBoard may approve such action with prior IEEE approval of the budget.

6.1—Authority for the receipt, deposit, and disbursement of Society funds shall rest with, and may be delegated by, the ExecBoard in accordance with the regulations and policies of IEEE.

ARTICLE X—Vacancies

Sec. 1—The existence of a vacancy on the ExecBoard will be determined in accordance with the Bylaws.

Sec. 2—ExecBoard vacancies will be filled as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI—Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1—ExecBoard members will be appointed by the IA Society Council or will be appointed by the Society President and confirmed by the ExecBoard as specified in the Bylaws.

Sec. 2—The ballot for the appointment of Society officers and certain other members of the ExecBoard shall be sent to the current council members as specified in the Bylaws.

Sec. 3—Methods of nomination and appointment, including any nominations submitted by petition from the society membership, shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII—Constitution Amendments

Sec. 1.0—Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated by action of the ExecBoard, the Council, or by petition signed by members in good standing of the IA Society.

1.1—For an amendment proposed by petition, a petition must be signed by at least two percent of the total number of society members as listed in the official membership records of the IEEE at the end of the previous year. Petitions are to be submitted to the Society President.

1.2—For an amendment proposed by the ExecBoard, a resolution adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of those present, provided a quorum is present, at a regularly constituted meeting of the ExecBoard is necessary.

1.3—For an amendment proposed by the Council, a resolution adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of those present, provided a quorum is present, at a regularly constituted meeting of the Council is necessary.

Sec. 2.0—Such proposed Amendments shall be submitted to the Council for approval. After approval by the Council, the proposed amendments shall be sent to the IEEE Vice

President, Technical Activities for approval. After such approval, the proposed amendment shall be publicized to the Society membership, with notice that it goes into effect unless two percent of the Society Members object in writing within sixty days. If this number of objections is received, a copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed with a ballot to all Members of the Society at least thirty days before the date appointed for return of the ballots, and the ballots shall carry a statement of the time limit for their return to the IEEE office. When a mail vote of the entire Society Membership is made necessary, approval of the amendment by at least two-thirds of the ballots legally cast shall be necessary for its enactment.

Sec. 3.0—Amendments to this Constitution shall take effect thirty days after all necessary approvals and notifications, unless a later date has been specified. If approved amendments change the status of Officers and Officers-elect or reduce the number of Members-at-Large, each Officer and Member-at-Large shall continue to serve until his or her term expires.