Proposed RAS Bylaws changes

• Replace all occurrences of “Vice-President” with preferred “Vice President”
• Add page numbers
• Correct the table of contents to reflect the new section order in Article IX

Article II, Section 2
Current: These petitions must be received by the Nominations Committee or by the Secretary by September 15.

Proposed: These petitions must be received by the Nominations Committee or by the Secretary by September August 15.

Section 3
Current: On or before October 1, the Nominations Committee shall submit to the Secretary of the Society at least two more names than the number of vacancies to occur on the AdCom for terms expiring December 31. In accordance with the IEEE Bylaws the duties of the Nominations Committee shall also include the submission of nominations for the office of Divisional Director to the Divisional Nominations Committee, and the annual solicitation of names of potential candidates to be considered by the IEEE Nominations and Appointments Committee for service on Institute Committees and Boards.

Proposed: On or before October September 1, the Nominations Committee shall submit to the Secretary of the Society at least two more names than the number of vacancies to occur on the AdCom for terms expiring December 31, a slate of candidates, according to the Standing Rules, to replace the AdCom members whose terms expire December 31 of that year. In accordance with the IEEE Bylaws the duties of the Nominations Committee shall also include the submission of nominations for the office of Divisional Director to the Divisional Nominations Committee, and the annual solicitation of names of potential candidates to be considered by the IEEE Nominations and Appointments Committee for service on Institute Committees and Boards.

Section 4
Current: On or before October 15 the Secretary shall mail to all members of the Society the ballot containing all the nominees for election to the AdCom, including those submitted by the Nominations Committee and those properly nominated by petition, with the provision that the ballots must be received by the Secretary by December 1 in order to be counted.

Proposed: On or before October September 15 the Secretary shall mail to all members of the Society shall forward to IEEE headquarters the ballot containing all the nominees for election to the AdCom, including those submitted by the Nominations Committee and those properly nominated by petition. IEEE headquarters shall mail the ballot to all members of the Society with the provision that the ballots must be returned received by the Secretary by December 1 in order to be counted.

Slight modification proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on April 22, 2005: Last sentence above changed to: IEEE headquarters shall mail the ballot to all members of the Society and count the returned ballots with the understanding that the newly elected AdCom members will be decided before January 1 of the following year.

Section 5
**Current:** Before or about May 31 during the second year of service of the incumbent President, the incumbent AdCom shall hold a meeting to elect the President-Elect. Before or about May 31 during the first year of service of the incumbent President-Elect, the incumbent AdCom shall hold a meeting to elect all the Vice-Presidents-Elect. At these meetings the Nominations Committee shall submit to the AdCom at least one nominee for each of these offices. Other candidates may be nominated. A plurality of votes shall elect. The AdCom may make contingent elections to be effective in case an elected member fails to accept the office or a disapproval is received from the IEEE. The names of the elected officers shall be reported to the Chair and to the Secretary of the IEEE Technical Activities Board.

**Proposed:** Before or about May 31 during the second year of service of the incumbent President, the incumbent November 30 in the year prior to the current President-Elect assuming the Presidency, AdCom shall hold a meeting to elect the next President-Elect. Before or about May 31 December 31 during the first year of service of the incumbent President-Elect, the incumbent AdCom shall hold a meeting to elect all the Vice-Presidents-Elect who will serve during the President-Elect’s term as President. At these meetings the Nominations Committee shall submit to the AdCom at least one nominee for each of these offices. Other candidates may be nominated. A plurality of votes shall elect. The AdCom may make contingent elections to be effective in case an elected member fails to accept the office or a disapproval is received from the IEEE. The names of the elected officers shall be reported to the Chair and to the Secretary of the IEEE Technical Activities Board.

**Section 6**

**Current:** No Vice-Presidents shall serve for more than two consecutive two-year terms.

**Proposed:** No Vice-Presidents shall serve for more than two consecutive two-year terms in the same office.

Amendment passed by AdCom in meeting April 23, 2005: The change above will not be implemented.

**Article III, Section 2**

**Current:** ... The Treasurer shall serve as an ex officio member of the AdCom with vote.

**Proposed:** ... The Treasurer shall serve as an ex officio member of the AdCom with vote.

**Section 5**

**Current:** Vice-President for Member Activities. The Vice-President for Member Activities shall be responsible for all membership-related activities of the Society, and in particular for ensuring the growth of the membership of the Society and for paying special attention to the international membership of the Society. The Vice-President for Member Activities shall be responsible for the following Standing Committees: the Awards and Fellow Nomination Committee, the Chapter Activities Committee, the Fellow Evaluation Committee, the Human Rights Committee, the International Activities Committee, the Membership and Admissions Committee, the Membership Retention Committee, and the Student Activities Committee.

**Proposed:** Vice-President for Member Activities. The Vice-President for Member Activities shall be responsible for all membership-related activities of the Society, and in particular for member services, for ensuring the growth of the membership of the Society and for paying special attention to the international membership of the Society. The Vice-President for Member Activities shall be responsible for the following Standing Committees: the Awards and Fellow
Nomination Committee, the Chapter and International Activities Committee, the Education Committee, the Fellow Evaluation Committee, the Human Rights and Ethics Committee, the International Activities Committee, the Membership and Admissions, Admissions and Retention Committee, the Membership Retention Member Services Committee, and the Student Activities Committee.

Amendment passed by AdCom in meeting April 23, 2005: The wording “attention to the international membership of the Society” will be changed to “attention to the membership of the Society worldwide.”

Section 6
Current: Vice-President for Technical Activities. The Vice-President for Technical Activities shall be responsible for all the technical activities of the Society, including the technical contents of Society meetings. In particular, the Vice-President for Technical Activities shall have direct responsibility for the following: 1) the Conference Activities Board; 2) the Technical Committees and the Working Groups; 3) the Technical Liaison Representatives; and 4) the Technology Review Committee.

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Section 7
Current: ...the Magazine Ass. Editor for Research...

Proposed: ...the Magazine Ass. Associate Editor for Research...

Section 10
Current: The Transactions Editors shall be charged with efficient operation of the Society Transactions. Papers for the Transactions shall be received by the Editors of the Society Transactions whose office shall serve as a focal point for processing these papers.

Proposed: The Transactions Editors-in-Chief shall be charged with efficient operation of the Society Transactions. Papers for the Transactions shall be received by the Editors-in-Chief of the Society Transactions whose office shall serve as a focal point for processing these papers.

Slight modification proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on April 22, 2005: Change the title of this section to Transactions Editors-in-Chief.

Article IV, Section 1
Current: The AdCom composition of elected members shall proportionally reflect the geographical distribution of the membership worldwide.

Proposed: The AdCom composition of elected members shall proportionally reflect the geographical distribution of the membership worldwide according to rules outlined in the Standing Rules.
Slight modification proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on April 22, 2005: Change to “...reflect the geographical distribution of the membership worldwide in accordance with the Standing Rules.”

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Article IX
There are extensive changes in this article. Proposed added text will be indicated in bold, and proposed deleted text indicated with a strikethrough.

Section 4. Chapter and International Activities Committee. This Committee is in charge of organizing and fostering international cooperation among scholars and students. An important means towards this goal are Regional Chapters of the Society, which will report to this SC. A concern of the SC shall be to ensure that members and students of all regions are well represented and feel equally at home in the diverse Society activities (conferences, schools, ballots, etc.).

Section 7. Fellow Evaluation Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for evaluating the qualifications of candidates for Fellow as requested by the IEEE Fellow Committee. This committee shall be chaired by the Senior Past President, unless said person is either unavailable or not a Fellow, in which case the President shall appoint a Fellow as chair.

Section 8. Human Rights and Ethics Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the AdCom for actions to be taken on behalf of the Society for the benefit of members or colleagues whose professional activities have been severely hampered by governmental or institutional authorities. It shall also be responsible for making recommendations on issues such as conflict of interest, plagiarism, multiple submissions, student/teacher relations, etc., and promulgating information on these matters to the membership.

Amendment passed by AdCom in meeting April 23, 2005: The sentence “It shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding the societal impact of research and development” will be added before the final sentence.

Section 9. International Activities Committee

Section 409. Long Range Planning Committee. This Committee shall be responsible to the AdCom for reviewing the trends of science and technology as they may concern the Society, the profession and the public, and for recommending changes in the objectives, organization, and operations of the Society as may be indicated by these trends. This Committee shall be chaired by the President-Elect and shall include the additional following members: the Junior Past-President, the Vice-President for Technical Activities, the Vice-President for Member Activities, the Vice-President for Publications Activities, the Vice-President for Conference Activities, the Chair of the Student Activities Committee and additional members appointed by the Chair with approval of the President.

Section 410. Membership, Retention and Admissions Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for encouraging membership in the Society by all members of the IEEE who are interested in the Field of Interest of the Society, and by non-IEEE members as Affiliate Members. This Committee shall pass upon the qualifications of applicants for Affiliate Membership in the Society. This Committee shall also perform various services for the members. It shall also focus on resolving the problems of membership retention.
Section 12. Membership Retention Committee. This committee shall focus on resolving the problems of membership retention. It will work cooperatively with the Membership and Admissions Committee.

Section 13. Nominations Committee.

Section 14. Student Activities Committee. This Committee shall promote student participation in the Society activities in cooperation with all Society Boards, Committees and Working Groups. The Chair of this Committee shall be appointed by the President from a slate of candidate Society student members recommended by the Membership Activities Board and by the AdCom to serve for a two-year term. The Chair of the Student Activities Standing Committee shall be an ex officio AdCom member with vote.

Section 13. Member Services Committee. The objective of this committee is to improve the services provided to the Society’s members. The emphasis will be on the mentoring and guidance of junior members of the Society along with a variety of new services (e.g., professional and networking) to the more senior members. The web will be extensively used along with special workshops at Society meetings.