Proposed Constitution amendments have been grouped in three categories:

- **Italic**: minor impact, formal due modifications, no major discussion needed, minor amendments of C&B
- **Bold**: medium impact, they require some discussion, minor or no amendment of the Constitution
- **Bold Underlined**: major impact, they require extensive discussion, major amendments of the Constitution and of the Bylaws

**Exact Wording of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution for:**

- Changes due to the birth of the Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering (T-ASE) and renaming of Transactions on Robotics (T-RO)
- Changes due to the replacement of the words ‘Chairman/Chairmen’ and ‘Chairperson/s’ with the words ‘Chair/s’
- Changes due to the elevation of the AdCom quorum from 10 to 13
- Change from “Vice-President” to “Vice President” everywhere in the document
- Changes due to the limitation of the eligibility of Technical Committee Chairs up to three consecutive two-year terms (six consecutive years in total, no limitations currently apply)
- Changes due to the provision that no elected AdCom members shall serve during the same term in the Executive Committee

Modifications in the Constitution are consequently necessary as follows.

**Table of Contents, Article X, Section 2**

**Current wording:**
Appointment of Transactions Editor(s)

**Proposed amended version:**
Appointment of Publications Editors

**Article V – ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 5.**

**Current wording:**
An elected Administrative Committee member can be removed from office by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Administrative Committee present in meeting assembled, provided the member (1) has not attended three consecutive meetings of the Administrative Committee; (2) has not corresponded with the President of the Society in the form of a report or other instrument in lieu of attendance; and (3) has been notified in writing by the President that a Motion for Removal from Office is pending.
Proposed amended version:
An elected Administrative Committee member shall be removed for one of the following two reasons: if the member is elevated to the office of Vice-President, or if the member fails to fulfill his/her office duties. In the latter case the member shall be removed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Administrative Committee present in meeting assembled, provided all of the following conditions are met: (1) the member has not attended three consecutive meetings of the Administrative Committee; (2) the member has not corresponded with the President of the Society in the form of a report or other instrument in lieu of attendance; and (3) the member has been notified in writing by the President that a Motion for Removal from Office is pending.

Slight modification proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on April 22, 2005: Modify the last part of above to read “... and (3) the member has been notified in writing by the President that a Motion for Removal from Office will be made at the next Administrative Committee meeting. The President is obliged to initiate a Motion for Removal and to notify the member if the first two conditions are satisfied.

Article V – ADMINISTRATION
Section 11.

Current wording:
The Administrative Committee may establish Standing and Technical Committees needed to cover specific functions and areas of the field of interest, as prescribed in the Bylaws. All appointments or reappointments as defined in the Bylaws to committees and similar posts will be for a term of two years, or until successors are appointed, or the committee is dissolved, except where other specifically-designated terms of office are established by the Administrative Committee. Committee member reappointment can be made without limit. Standing and Technical Committee Chairpersons are appointed by the Society President with the approval of the Administrative Committee. They shall be ex officio members of the Administrative Committee without vote. The Society President may establish ad hoc committees of finite duration to fulfill specific needs. Ad hoc committee chairpersons shall be ex officio members of the Administrative Committee without vote.

Proposed amended version:
The Administrative Committee may establish Standing and Technical Committees needed to cover specific functions and areas of the field of interest, as prescribed in the Bylaws. All appointments or reappointments as defined in the Bylaws to committees and similar posts will be for a term of two years with a maximum of three consecutive terms, or until successors are appointed, or the committee is dissolved, except where other specifically-designated terms of office are established by the Administrative Committee. Committee member reappointment can be made without limit. Standing and Technical Committee Chairs are appointed by the Society President with the approval of the Administrative Committee. They shall be ex officio members of the Administrative Committee without vote. The Society President may establish ad hoc committees of finite duration to fulfill specific needs. Ad hoc committee Chairs shall be ex officio members of the Administrative Committee without vote.
Article VII – MEETINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2.

Current wording:
Ten voting members of the Administrative Committee shall constitute a quorum. All the Administrative Committee members shall have an equal vote.

Proposed amended version:
Thirteen voting members of the Administrative Committee shall constitute a quorum. All the Administrative Committee members shall have an equal vote.

Article X – SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Section 2.

Current wording:
The President, with the advice and consent of the Administrative Committee, shall appoint an Editor of the Transactions on Robotics and Automation and such editors as may be required to implement the publication program. The duties of editors, and their remunerative compensation, if any, shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws. Editors need not be appointed from among the elected members of the Administrative Committee.

Proposed amended version:
The President, with the advice and consent of the Administrative Committee, shall appoint Editors-in-Chief for all Society publications and such editors as may be required to implement the publication program. The duties of the editors, and their remunerative compensation, if any, shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws. Editors-in-Chief need not to be appointed from among the elected members of the Administrative Committee.