Bylaws of the Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence Technical Committee

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Article I: Purpose and Membership

The Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence Technical Committee (PAMI TC) promotes the scientific exchange of information in computer vision together with all closely related branches of computer science and engineering. The PAMI TC may organize and sponsor national or international meetings, by itself or jointly with other professional societies. The PAMI TC can publish newsletters or other publications and may employ all proper means to further its objectives.

The main conferences with PAMI TC technical sponsorship are the conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) and the International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV). The membership of the PAMI TC consists of all persons who have attended CVPR or ICCV, or who have joined or renewed online, within the past or current calendar year. There are no other requirements for membership, and there is no fee.

Article II: Governance

2.1 Organization

The governing body of the PAMI TC is the Executive Committee, which consists of 18 elected members plus the current PAMI TC chair and the two most recent TC chairs. The Executive Committee meets at CVPR and ICCV, or at the request of the TC chair, and is not required to meet in person. Committee members are expected to recuse themselves from voting on any issue where there may appear to be a conflict of interest, but recusal is up to the individual's conscience.

At each CVPR and ICCV members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a vote of the TC members. The seats of the two longest serving elected members (with ties for length of service broken by the TC chair) shall come up for a vote, along with any other vacancies. To be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee or as TC chair, it is necessary to have been elected as a General Chair or Program Chair of CVPR or ICCV, or to have previously served on the PAMI TC Conference Committee.

The TC chair, with the consent of the two most recent TC chairs, may propose a slate of candidates to fill all open seats. This slate will be elected if it wins an up/down vote of the TC. If the slate is rejected, the remaining seats will be filled by eligible candidates in order of the number of votes received.

2.2 Responsibilities of the TC Chair

The TC chair is the liaison for the PAMI TC with IEEE and is expected to represent the interests of the PAMI community at IEEE meetings. The TC chair shall serve a 2-year term, renewable once, that starts on January 1. The TC chair also serves as the chair of the Executive Committee.

All TC voting, including votes of the Executive Committee or votes on a conference charter, shall be conducted by the TC chair or their designee unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws. A secret ballot is not required. Any vacancy on the Executive Committee shall be filled by the TC chair.

2.3 Election and re-election of the TC Chair

At least one month before the expiration of the term of the TC chair, the Executive Committee shall elect the new chair. Nominations may be put forward by any member of the Executive Committee, and must be seconded by another member. All nominations are due one week before the election. The vote will be conducted by the previous two TC chairs (i.e., the ones elected before the TC chair whose term is expiring). Re-election follows the same process.

The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared elected and their name shall be submitted to the IEEE Computer Society.

2.4 Other TC Officers and Committees

The TC vice-chair and any other TC officers shall be appointed by the TC chair. Their responsibilities and the duration of their terms are at the discretion of the TC chair. If the TC chair resigns, the vice-chair will assume the TC chair's duties until the Executive Committee elects a new TC chair to finish out the original term.

The Executive Committee may, by majority vote, create additional committees such as the awards committee. It may delegate to them any powers that the Bylaws do not explicitly reserve for the Executive Committee.

Article III: Sponsored Conferences

Any conference that is technically sponsored by the PAMI TC, including CVPR and ICCV, is expected to have its own charter that specifies the policies and procedures of that conference. The charter is adopted or amended by a majority vote of the TC members at a meeting of that conference. A technically sponsored conference may only be terminated by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee.

The organizing committee (Program and General chairs) and the venue of a future conference are determined by a vote of the PAMI TC membership at an earlier meeting of the same conference. The vote is conducted under procedures established by the conference charter that are consistent with these Bylaws.

The Program chairs of a conference have absolute discretion to decide which submissions to accept, to determine the process by which acceptance decisions are made, and to select the personnel who are involved in this process. A 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee, before or after the conference, can overturn any decision by the conference organizers except for paper acceptances, and can involuntarily remove any member of the organizing committee. It is expected that this oversight will only be exercised in unusual circumstances.

Article IV: Amendments

The PAMI TC Bylaws are the governing rules of the PAMI TC. As such, they take precedence over any motion passed at a PAMI TC meeting, and over the individual conference charters.

Amendments to the Bylaws may be initiated by any member of the Executive Committee. A proposed amendment shall be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which it will be considered. A 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee is required to adopt an amendment to the Bylaws.