Proposed Computer Society bylaws amendments—nominations and elections

In its March 2, 1979 meeting, the Computer Society Governing Board proposed bylaw amendments dealing with nominations and elections. The amendments are contained in the revision to Article II reproduced below; the changed sections are italicized. Members wishing to respond to these proposed changes should forward their comments to Russell E. Theisen, 2667 Fitzhugh Road, Winter Park, Florida 32792, prior to June 1, 1979.

ARTICLE II

Section 1: Nomination to the Board

Annually the Nominating Committee shall provide a list of nominees for board positions. This list shall be submitted to the current board at least four weeks prior to the board meeting at which the board shall select nominees. Additional nominees may be submitted by written petition signed by one-third of the franchised board members and filed with the secretary at least 10 days prior to the above meeting. The board shall select by secret ballot not less than 15 nor more than 20 nominees to fill elected board member positions, and the names of those nominees shall be published in Computer. In the same issue there shall be a request for petitions for additional nominees. Additional nominees may be named by signature of at least 50 voting members of the society with each member eligible to sign only one petition.

Section 2: Board Candidates

The Nominations Committee shall be directed to solicit the membership at large for suitable board nominees and shall consider in its proposals those factors which will promote the equitable representation of the society’s technical and geographic interests.

Section 3: Board Candidate Qualification

In order for a nominee to be qualified as a candidate for an elected board position, a member must meet the following requirements:

1. His/her vita must be submitted for publication in Computer in a timely manner.
2. The nominee must affirm willingness and ability to serve.
3. The nominee must at the time of candidacy meet the society’s requirements for service.
4. A board member may not seek a fourth consecutive term. For this purpose, the occupying of a board position for a period of less than six months shall not be construed as holding that position.

Section 4: Board Elections

1. Election to the board shall be by a mail secret ballot of the society membership.
2. Candidates will be elected to the board in the order of their plurality, the largest plurality being first.
3. Board position vacancies due to current board members being elected to presidential offices shall be treated as normal board vacancies.
4. The top two runners-up, along with other nominees to be selected by the board, shall form a roster of candidates to fill vacancies on the board. The board shall vote by secret ballot to fill vacancies.

Section 5: Officer Nomination

Annually the Nominations Committee shall provide a list of nominees for positions of president, first vice-president, and second vice-president, at least four weeks prior to the board meeting at which the board shall select nominees. One or more nominees shall be proposed for each of these offices. Additional nominees for any position may be nominated by written petition of one-third of the elected board members and filed with the secretary at least 10 days prior to the above meeting. The board shall select by secret ballot nominees for the positions of president, first vice-president, and second vice-president, and the names of those nominees shall then be published in Computer. In the same issue there shall be a request for petitions for additional nominees. Additional nominees may be named by signature of at least 250 voting members of the society with each member eligible to sign one petition for each office.

Section 6: Officer Qualifications

In order for a nominee to be qualified as a candidate for an elected officer position, he must be a senior member and meet the following requirements:

1. His/her vita must be submitted for publication in Computer in a timely manner.
2. The nominee must affirm willingness and ability to serve.
3. The nominee must, at the time of candidacy, meet the society’s requirements for service.
4. The president may not seek a third consecutive term, nor may an elected vice-president seek a third consecutive term as vice-president. For this purpose, the occupying of an office for a period less than one-half of a normal term shall not be construed as holding that office.

Section 7: Officer Elections

Officers shall be elected by a mail secret ballot of the society membership. The slate of officer nominees will include those nominated by the board. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 8: Assumption of Duties

1. It shall be the responsibility of the current secretary of the board to assure that all candidates of the elections are informed of the outcome and to arrange for the transfer of responsibilities.
2. Newly elected members of the board and officers shall assume office on the following January 1.
3. If, for any reason, a newly elected officer of the board cannot assume his/her duties, the incumbents shall continue in office until the transfer can be arranged.

Section 9: IEEE Director Nominations

For the years when the IEEE Division V is to elect a member to the IEEE Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two society members who are IEEE senior member grade or higher for consideration as nominees. The president shall recommend at least two nominees to the board for their approval; the board may add to, delete, or substitute names for the proposed nominees. The approved names shall be transmitted to the IEEE as society nominees as required by IEEE Bylaws.