Proposed Bylaws Changes

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The bylaws changes indicated below were approved by the Board of Governors on February 27, 1981. These proposed changes are in addition to those published in the January 1981 issue of Computer and represent input received from several sources in the interim. For ease of comparison, the affected passages in both versions are shown below: on the left is the version which appeared as the “proposed bylaws” in the January Computer; on the right is the version reflecting the most recent proposed revision (additions are set in italic; deletions are crossed out).

The revised proposed bylaws have been more closely linked to IEEE Bylaws and the Computer Society Constitution (both of which supersede society bylaws). Material already specified in those documents is now referenced—rather than repeated—in appropriate places, thus simplifying society bylaws and reducing the need for future changes brought about by changes in IEEE bylaws.

The most substantive changes are as follows:

1) Instead of defining membership grades, our bylaws will define membership classes so that the “Member Class” will consist of IEEE “Members,” “Senior Members,” and “Fellows” who add Computer Society membership to their basic IEEE membership, as well as our own “Affiliates.”

2) Eliminate those statements related to membership and officer qualifications if they are clearly stated in the IEEE Bylaws, policy statements, or Computer Society Constitution.

A complete version of the latest approved bylaws, along with the Computer Society Constitution, is available. Those who wish to receive a copy may address their request in writing to IEEE Computer Society
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Current proposed bylaws

Membership

Article I

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The grades of membership are:
1) member or affiliate,
2) associate, and
3) student.

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2) The student grade is available to persons carrying at least 30 percent of a normal full-time program as a registered student and whose interests lie within the scope of the society.

Section 4:
Applications, Admissions, and Transfers
1) Each application for admission to membership or for transfer to a higher grade shall include sufficient evidence of eligibility, together with the required number of suitable references.
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