From the president... 

On February 27, 1981, the IEEE Computer Society Governing Board gave final approval to a major revision of our bylaws. These revisions, developed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee under the leadership of former Computer Society President Steve Yau, make major changes in our organizational structure. The approved bylaws were printed in the January and May 1981 issues of Computer Magazine.

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**Figure 1. Computer Society vice-presidential and standing committee structure.**
along with a brief discussion of the rationale behind the revisions. All society members are urged to read this article.

The purpose of this message is to acquaint Computer Society members with the status of the implementation of the revised bylaws. Two new vice-presidents were created, one for educational activities and one for membership and information. In addition, the vice-presidents for systems technology and software and applications were combined. We are fortunate in having Professor C. V. Ramamoorthy to serve as vice-president for educational activities. He brings a long record of achievement in this area to this assignment. Former Computer Society President Dick Simmons has agreed to serve as vice-president for membership and information. This latter function is an attempt to convey a better image of the Computer Society both within the IEEE and to outside professional organizations and the news media. This is a new function and could play a major role in the future development of our society.

The revised committee structure includes assignment of many former standing committees to report directly to a vice-president. At the same time, some new standing committees were created, including the Operations and Audit Committees. This reassignment is designed to simplify
the organizational structure of the Computer Society and to improve operations. The Computer Society officers have been working very hard to select chairmen for the many committees that now report to the vice-presidential level. The revised Computer Society organizational structure is best shown in chart form. Figure 1 shows the top level organization including all the officers of the Computer Society. Figures 2 through 7 show the committee structure under each vice-president. The names of each committee are shown along with the incumbent chairman if an assignment has been made. The list of standing committees is shown in Figure 1 along with the chairman if assigned. One ad hoc committee is also shown in this figure.

The revised bylaws were written in a manner to make them as flexible as possible while still defining the Computer Society organizational structure and the function of each major element. Operational details are to be incorporated in the Policies and Procedures Manual which will serve as a modus operandi for the society. Changes can be made to operational procedures by appropriate Governing Board actions.

It is my hope that these revised bylaws will give the Computer Society an improved organizational structure to better serve our membership and provide a vehicle for further growth and maturation of the society. I want to express my appreciation to Chairman Steve Yau and to my fellow members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Tse-yun Feng, Merlin Smith, and Dick Simmons. Also, I want to extend my thanks to the officers of the Computer Society who have worked hard to fill the many newly created committee chairman slots.

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President

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**Figure 6.** Publications Activities Committee structure.

**Figure 7.** Technical Activities Committee structure.