Proposed Change to By-Laws

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ARTICLE X - STANDARDS ACTIVITIES

Section 1: Standards Activities Board

The Standards Activities Board shall formulate the policies and practices with respect to standards, and monitor all standards activities to assure conformance to approved policies and practices. It shall be chaired by the vice president for standards activities, and shall consist of the following members: the chairpersons of standing committees of the Standards Activities Board, one representative from each sponsor, a representative from the Computer Society Technical Activities Board, and up to 7-12 additional members as defined in the Computer Society Policies & Procedures Manual. The president may delegate authority for such appointments to the vice president. The society representative to the IEEE Standards Activities Board shall be an ex officio, voting member of the Standards Activities Board.

Section 2: Appointments

The chairpersons of standing committees of the Standards Activities Board, SAB representatives to other Computer Society program boards and committees, Computer Society representatives to other standards developing organizations, and the society representative to the IEEE Standards board-Association shall be appointed by the vice president for standards.

Section 3: Standing Committees

Standing Committees to advise and to implement the policies of the Standards Activities Board shall be defined in the Computer Society Policies & Procedures Manual.

Rationale for Changes:

Section 1:

None of the changes here are intended to be substantive. The purpose is to clarify that the intended size and composition of the SAB is one representative from each sponsor plus as many as twelve individuals appointed by the President or the Vice President for Standards Activities. Assigned responsibilities are treated in the next section and in the P&P. The current treatment is confusing because it allows the President to appoint the membership if s/he chooses but would permit the VP to constrain or override those choices by the appointment of committee chairs in accordance with Section 2.

Section 2:

Moves the provision for a TAB representative to here from Section 1 and generalizes it to the other program boards.