

An Update to CE Society Bylaws

In March 2014, the IEEE Consumer Electronics (CE) Society made two changes to its bylaws. Although small in wording, these two changes addressed our need to enable the Society to be more active with membership and standards development.

The IEEE has been encouraging all Societies to have a vice president (VP) of Membership position written into their bylaws. In 2014, the CE Society Board of Governors (BoG) approved a motion to create a new VP of Membership

position. After passing this motion, a second motion was approved, which detailed the description of this new position in the bylaws. Bylaw 6, section 1.1, describes the VP of Membership.

The second change to the bylaws made a minor revision to the wording of section 4.8.4 to permit the CE Society Standards chair to send project authorization requests (PARs) directly to the IEEE Standards Association without the need for BoG approval. PARs are the means by which standards projects are started within the IEEE. PARs define the scope, purpose, and contact points for the new project.

In the past, PARs first had to be approved by the BoG before they could be sent to the Standards Association. Since the board only meets face to face twice a year, this made it very difficult for the CE Society Standards chair to accomplish his/her work in a timely manner. This change makes the CE Society consistent with how other Societies structure their standards work.

The bylaws and other governing documents for the CE Society are public records and are available online at <http://cesoc.ieee.org/about-cesoc.html>.

—Bill Orner

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Activities for Young Professionals at ICCE 2015

The IEEE International Conference on Consumer Electronics (ICCE) is the flagship conference of the IEEE CE Society and a partner conference with the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) held annually in Las Vegas. Celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2015, the ICCE provides an exciting

platform for researchers, practitioners, students, and engineers to interact, exchange ideas, and build a professional network. Often one can come across presenters at the ICCE who are the inventors of technologies displayed at the CES.

Attending the ICCE is an enriching experience and more so for young professionals who are eager to take their learning to the next level. Graduates and early-career professionals get a chance

to absorb the latest technologies and valuable research through a plethora of presentations, workshops, and poster sessions. The ICCE provides a unique opportunity for budding technologists to experience applied research; many of the conference sessions are oriented toward real industrial applications, and young professionals can be inspired to take their own research to the mass market. Furthermore, the chance to see the latest products at the CES is a bonus.

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Participants of the Young Professionals event at ICCE 2015.

The year 2015 was witness to interesting sessions aimed at young professionals such as “Getting Published in *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*” and a doctoral workshop. The former, conducted by the editor-in-chief of *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*, Simon Sherratt, provided candid insight into the review and selection mechanism of high-quality articles

for the reputed journal. Publication in a journal such as *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics* is highly coveted and helps open doors. The doctoral workshop at ICCE, unlike a conventional workshop, provided an interactive environment for Ph.D. students to receive feedback from mentors and experts on improving their presentations and style.

The IEEE Young Professionals Committee of the CE Society, chaired by Carsten Dolar, organized a great social evening for young attendees of the ICCE. An award-winning dinner buffet at the famous Green Valley Ranch Resort was the highlight, where the attendees experienced a relaxed atmosphere in which to mingle and get to know each other better. Much to the delight of everyone, a group photo session was held at the famous “Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas” sign, which was followed by a leisurely walk to view the Bellagio fountains. The young professionals had an excellent time socializing, and many of them continue to cherish the friendships and connections they made at ICCE.

The Young Professionals Committee of the CE Society is committed to engaging graduates and early-career professionals through a range of professional and social activities. The Young Professionals Committee welcomes the active participation of young members in the CE Society conferences and encourages participants to become members of the CE Society to access a variety of benefits. More information can be obtained by contacting Carsten Dolar at carsten.dolar@ieee.org.

We hope to see you at one of the CE Society conferences!

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Young Professionals Committee

Developments in Region 9— South and Central America

The IEEE does not have a very strong presence in Region 9, and the Consumer Electronics (CE) Society is also underrepresented in this part of the world. Currently, we

have only one Chapter, which is in São Paulo, Brazil. This Chapter is very active and will host the International Symposium on CE (ICSE) in 2016. This will be the ISCE’s 20th birthday, and we will celebrate this major milestone in the history of the ISCE in a way only Brazilians can.

We are working with Region 9 Director Norberto M. Lerendegui to establish three Chapters. The areas identified are Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. A second Brazilian Chapter is in the initial stage and will be located in Manaus. With the help of Legendegui, we will establish the other two Chapters.

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