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## **HISTORY of BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Any Member, Senior Member, Fellow, Life Member or Life Fellow in good standing at the time of nominations is eligible for any office.

Change Article 6.3 from:

Any Member or Fellow in good standing is eligible for the office of Director.

To:

Any Member, Senior Member, Fellow, Life Member or Life Fellow in good standing is eligible for the office of Director.

Explanation for the proposed changes:

The added membership grades of Senior Member, Life Member and Life Fellow should also be eligible for any office in Article 5.3 and eligible for the office of Director in Article 6.3.

### **2006**

#### **AMENDMENT A**

To amend the SID Bylaws in order to recognize Student Branches with the addition of Article 13 as shown and explained below, and

#### **AMENDMENT B**

To renumber the present Article 13. "Amendments" as Article 14.

#### **Article 13 - Student Branches**

1. It is the intent of SID to encourage student participation in the activities of the Society. To facilitate such participation, the SID shall establish Student Branches affiliated with at least one university and with the Chapter of the geographical area in which the university is located.
2. The purpose and scope of the Student Branches are defined in Art. 2 of the Bylaws of the SID.
3. No action or obligation of the Student Branch shall be considered an action or obligation of the Society, or the Student Branch Affiliated Chapter.
4. Members of the Student Branches shall be undergraduate and graduate students who are also members of the SID.
5. The Bylaws of the Student Branches shall be modeled after the Bylaws of the Chapters of the SID. However, they can be adapted to the special needs of the student body. The Bylaws of the Student Branches and the amendments thereof require the approval of the Executive Committee of the SID. In case of conflict, the Bylaws of the SID shall take precedence.
6. No officer of the Student Branch may act as an agent for the Society except as specifically authorized in writing by a person so empowered by the Board of Directors.
7. The Student Branches shall have a Faculty Advisor who is a faculty member and (*delete as redundant*) a member of the SID.
8. Since the Student Branches receive funds from the SID, they shall submit an annual financial statement and an annual summary of their activities. Other financial donations to the Student Branches shall be used in accordance with Article 2 of the Bylaws of the SID.
9. Any indebtedness of a Student Branch shall only be allowed with the approval of the SID Board of Directors.
10. Petitions for the formation of a Student Branch shall be supported by the signature of a minimum number of students as determined by the SID Board of Directors.



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11. A Student Branch shall be placed on inactive status if its membership declines below 3 for a period of 12 months.

12. SID reserves the right to dissolve a Student Branch if, in the judgment of the SID Board of Directors, such action is in the best interest of the SID.

13. Funds and real property of the Student Branch shall revert to the SID if the Student Branch is placed on inactive status or upon dissolution of the Student Branch.

#### **Explanation**

With the consent of the Board of Directors, the SID has to date already established three Student Branches and more are in the process of being added in order to attract students to the activities of our Society. The time has now come to anchor the existence of Student Branches in the Bylaws of the SID in the same way that the Chapters are anchored. This is proposed by the addition of Article 13 and the renumbering of the current Article 13 as Article 14.

The Board of Directors has already approved a Bylaws model to be used by Student Branches. The paragraphs in the Student Branch model Bylaws governing the purpose, the privileges, and the responsibilities of the Student Branches are consistent with the wording included in the proposed Article 13. However, in addition, Article 13 authorizes the Board to determine in each case the minimum number of students required to support such a petition. In this way the Board is able to adapt the minimum number to the specifics of the petitioning group of students with the option that a small but very active group can be provided an opportunity to form a Student Branch. Finally, the last sentence in Article 13.8 has been added to draw attention to the possibility that donations may be made directly to the Student Branch and that these donations must comply with SID's purpose and its status as a non-profit society.

#### **2008**

##### **Article 5, Section 2 now states:**

2. The term of office for each officer shall be one year, with succession to the offices taking place at the annual general business meeting, or at the start of the Executive Committee meeting immediately preceding the Board of Directors' meeting associated with the annual general business meeting, whichever comes first. Both outgoing and incoming officers shall participate in the Executive Committee meeting for smooth transfer of information. No officer may serve in any specific position for a total of more than two consecutive terms.

##### **Proposed change:**

2. The term of office for each officer shall be one year, with succession to the offices taking place at the annual general business meeting, or at the start of the Executive Committee meeting immediately preceding the Board of Directors' meeting associated with the annual general business meeting, whichever comes first. Both outgoing and incoming officers shall participate in the Executive Committee meeting for smooth transfer of information. *No officer may serve in any specific position for more than two terms except a Regional Vice President may serve up to 4 terms.*

##### **Explanation:**

The Board of Directors, to rectify an ambiguity in the wording of the Bylaw dealing with term limits and to extend the limit for Regional VPs from two to four years, recommends acceptance of the amendment to Article 5 section 2.

#### **2010**

##### **Article 11, Section 4, part d) now states:**



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d) The editors shall not hold any elective office within the organization.

**Proposed change:**

d) No editor shall be a member of the Executive Committee of SID.

**Explanation:**

The Board of Directors recommends acceptance of this amendment to Article 11, section 1, part d). Article 11 is entitled PUBLICATIONS AND ARCHIVES and this part d) restricts who can serve as an editor of SID publications. The phrase any elective office can be interpreted very broadly to include chapter officers and Chapter Directors. The proposed change more precisely defines the restriction and allows chapter officers and Chapter Directors to be editors as long as they do not serve on the SID Executive Committee.

**2013**

Article 12.3, proposed change is shown in red below: Members petitioning for a new chapter shall submit a set of Chapter Bylaws consistent with the Bylaws of SID for review by the Bylaws Committee and approval by the Executive Committee. Should amendments subsequently be made to a chapter's bylaws, these amendments must be submitted for review by the Bylaws Committee and approval by the SID Executive Committee. Chapters shall maintain those Bylaws in consonance with any changes in the Bylaws of SID approved by the membership of SID.

Justification: The SID Bylaws Committee has the responsibility to maintain SID Bylaws, to propose amendments to them when required and to ensure that Chapter Bylaws comply with those of the SID. Since the Bylaws Committee is not a Standing Committee of SID, its responsibility is nowhere defined in the SID Bylaws. This change will ensure that the Bylaws Committee will review any proposed change to Chapter Bylaws to ensure that it complies with SID Bylaws before it is submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

Article 12.7, new text: Each Chapter Treasurer shall provide the Treasurer of SID with an annual accounting of chapter funds prior to the general membership meeting of SID, or other Board of Directors' meetings as determined by the Executive Committee. Information shall include all bank account numbers and balances as well as a list of investments, negotiable securities, capital assets, and any other assets held by the chapter. A Chapter's books of account shall, at all reasonable times, be open to inspection by the SID Treasurer.

Justification: SID is a Not for Profit Corporation and it must comply with strict IRS accounting rules to maintain its Not for Profit status. This change to the bylaws will demonstrate that the SID Treasurer has top to bottom review and therefore full control of all SID finances. This proposed change has the support of the SID Treasurer and the SID Audit Committee chair.

**2014 Election:**

1. Term "Sustaining Member" shall be changed throughout to "Corporate Member"
2. That the membership grades "Associate Member" (an individual interested in furthering the purposes of SID who does not have to be active in a profession related to the field of information display) and "Affiliate Society Member" (an organization, other than a corporation or business, interested in furthering the purposes of SID) be deleted from the bylaws.



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### 3. Amendment to Article 3.1.h

Life Member - An individual, at least 60 years of age, retired from business, who has been a member of SID in good standing for not less than 25 years, including at least 5 years of continuous membership immediately prior to application for Life Member Grade. Life Member Grade is not conferred automatically but may be granted upon written request to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

### 4. Amendments to Articles 3.1.e and 3.1.i

4(a). Art 3.1.e Fellow - A member in good standing for not less than 5 years, including at least 3 years of continuous membership immediately prior to election. Fellow candidates shall be recommended by the Honors and Awards Committee and elected by the Board of Directors based on nominations at large made annually of outstanding engineers and scientists in the information display field who have made widely recognized and significant contributions to the advancement of that field. On conferment of Fellowship, a SID Fellow will be entitled to place the letters FSID after his/her name. On reaching the age of 60, a Fellow will automatically be granted Life Member status.

4(b) Delete Art 3.1.i Life Fellow - an individual who has been elected to Fellow status, who is retired from business, who has been a member or Fellow of SID in good standing for not less than ten years, including at least five years of continuous membership immediately prior to application for Life Fellow Grade. Life Fellow Grade is not conferred automatically but may be granted upon written request to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.