Aerospace & Electronic Systems Society

AES Society
Spring BoG Meeting
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Four separate issues:

1. Criteria and Eligibility for Officer Election
   - motion to allow newly-elected members who have previously served on the Board of Governors to stand for Officer positions passed at Fall 2017 meeting (MO-0223)

2. Executive Vice President Office, and terms of Past Presidents

3. Voting rights of Student and Young Professional Board Members

4. Fellow Evaluation Committee
Executive Vice-President Office, and terms of Past Presidents

1. The Constitution and Bylaws make no mention of the offices of Junior Past-President and Senior Past-President.

2. But it has been our custom that a President, having served two years in that office (and two years previously as Executive Vice-President), then serves two years as Junior Past-President and then two years as Senior Past-President – making a total of eight years service.

3. Also, the Executive-Vice President is elected at the same time as the President, and serves for two years, at which point he/she is normally one of the nominees for President.
Current process


Executive Vice President
President
Junior Past President
Senior Past President

Elect President
Executive VP
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Proposed new process

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... or
Motion (1):

To amend the bylaws, as specified, to substitute ‘Executive Vice-President’ by ‘President-Elect’. Also, to replace the offices of ‘Junior Past-President’ and ‘Senior Past-President’ by ‘Past-President’
Voting rights for Student and Young Professional Board Members

Currently, the Student and Young Professional members of the Board do not have voting rights. This seems inequitable, and is not in line with current IEEE policy.

Currently the relevant part of the Constitution reads:

Section 8: The President shall appoint as non-voting members of the Board of Governors, a current undergraduate engineering student and a current graduate engineering student to serve as Student Representatives. The graduate student representative may also serve as the Society’s GOLD (Graduate of Last Decade) Representative, or a separate individual can be appointed as GOLD representative. The terms for each shall be two (2) years, renewable once.
Motion (2)

Currently the Constitution (Article V) reads:

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Propose amend to:

Section 8: The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint as non-voting members of the Board of Governors, a current undergraduate engineering student and a current graduate engineering student to serve as Student Representatives. The graduate student representative may also serve as the Society’s GOLD (Graduate of Last Decade) Young Professional Representative, or a separate individual can be appointed as GOLD Young Professional representative. The terms for each shall be two (2) years, renewable once.
AES Fellow Evaluation Committee

This has now been established and is in its second year, chaired by Simon Watts.

The IEEE Fellow Evaluation Committee (IEEE FEC) Operations Manual contains the main policies for the Fellow Nomination and Evaluation process


We should update our bylaws to be consistent with these procedures and with the IEEE FEC Operations Manual.
Motion (3):

To add to the Bylaws:

The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a Fellow Evaluation Committee Chair from the AESS membership to evaluate AESS IEEE Fellow nominations each year. The Fellow Evaluation Committee Chair shall appoint members of the Fellow Evaluation Committee from the AESS membership, ensuring suitable coverage of the field of interest of AESS. Chairs shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. Members of the Fellow Evaluation Committee shall not serve for more than three consecutive years. Appointment of members of the Fellow Evaluation Committee shall be distributed over time so as to avoid the termination of more than about one-third of the members in any calendar year. No member of the Fellow Evaluation Committee shall serve as Nominator, Reference or Endorser for any IEEE Fellow nominee.