## Aerospace \& Electronic Systems Society

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## Three separate issues:

1. Criteria and Eligibility for Officer Election
2. Executive Vice President Office, and terms of Past Presidents
3. Voting rights of Student and Young Professional Board Members

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## Issue

- In 2009 IEEE informed us that our practice of having no term limits on most officers, and having officers with authority to control Society funds who were not also elected Board members, was unacceptable.
- Full bylaws rewrite occurred, with IEEE assistance, to remedy the problem.
$\square$ Apparently one condition that IEEE required escaped due to a loophole.


## Proposed Change

- Section 1: At a meeting of the Board of Governors, normally held before the First of November of every other year, the Board of Governors shall appoint, from among current in-term members and newly-elected members who have previously served on the Board, and who will be in-term upon assuming the office, a President and an Executive Vice President, who will take office on the First of January of the following year. Such appointment shall occur after selection of the preferred candidate from the proposed slate. At a meeting of the Board of Governors, normally held before the First of November of every year, the Board of Governors shall appoint, from among current members and newly-elected members who have previously served on the Board, and who will be in-term upon assuming the office, all Vice Presidents as defined in the Constitution who will take office on the First of January of the Following year. Such appointment shall occur after selection of their preferred candidate from the proposed slate. The President shall annually appoint, with the concurrence of a majority of the Board of Governors, a Secretary and a Treasurer.


## Current process



## Proposed new process

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
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## 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.

## Motions (1):

To amend the bylaws, as specified, to allow newly-elected members who have previously served on the Board to stand for Officer positions

## Motions (2):

To amend the bylaws, as specified, to substitute 'Executive VicePresident' by 'President-Elect'. Also, to replace the offices of 'Junior Past-President' and 'Senior Past-President' by 'PastPresident'

## Motions (3):

To give voting rights to Undergraduate Student, Graduate Student and Young Professional Board Members

