



# Bylaws Changes

## Publication of Amendments to EMC Society Constitution and Bylaws

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### INTRODUCTION

From time to time, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) of the EMC Society are required in order to maintain their relevance and to align them with the organizational structure of the Board of Directors (BoD).

*Note:* The current (June, 2010) version of the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) of the EMC Society can be found at the EMC Society web site at [http://www.emcs.org/pdf/EMC\\_Society\\_C&B\\_August\\_08\\_Rev4.pdf](http://www.emcs.org/pdf/EMC_Society_C&B_August_08_Rev4.pdf).

Quoted from Article X (Amendments) of the EMC Society Constitution:

#### “Article X – Amendments

*Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by petition submitted by at least 1% members of the Society, or by the Board of Directors. Such petition or Board approved amendment(s) shall be submitted to the IEEE Technical Activities Board, and to the Executive Committee of the IEEE for approval. After approval, the proposed amendment shall be published in the Society Newsletter, or otherwise publicized by direct mailing to the membership, with notice that it goes into effect unless ten percent of the Society members object within 30 days. If such objections are received, a copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed with a ballot to all members of the Society at least 30 days before the date appointed for return of the ballots. The ballot must carry a statement of the time limit for their return to the IEEE office. When a mail vote of the Society membership is required, approval of the amendment by at least two-thirds of the ballots returned shall be necessary for its enactment.*

*“Section 2. Amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present in a meeting assembled, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member of the Board of Directors at least 15 days prior to such meeting; or an amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds mail or email vote of the members of the Board of Directors provided a 30-day period is provided for such responses. In either event, the proposed amendment shall be published in the Society’s Newsletter or other appropriate publication. No amendment shall take effect until it has been published and has been mailed to the Managing Director, Technical Activities of the IEEE, who must then obtain approval of the IEEE Executive Committee.”*

As chair of the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) Committee of the EMC Society, it is my pleasure to bring forth to you, the members of the Society, the following amendments to Revision 4 of the C&BL, which have been approved by at least 2/3 of the BoD and have likewise been approved by the IEEE Executive Committee. They are therefore now publicized in the Newsletter for the members review. Please note that newly added text

is underlined, while deleted text is [~~struck through and in square parentheses~~].

*If objections by no more than 10 percent (10%) of the Society members to the proposed amendments are received within 30 days of the date of publication of the amendments in the Newsletter, the amendments listed herein shall come into effect.*

Comments or objections may be sent to: Elya B. Joffe, C&BL Committee Chair, e-mail: <eb.joffe@ieee.org>

### AMENDMENTS TO EMC SOCIETY CONSTITUTION, 10 JUNE 2010 REVISION 4

#### Amendment to Article II - Field of Interest

*The following amendments constitute grammatical corrections only.*

Section 1. The Field of Interest of the Society involves engineering related to the electromagnetic environmental effects of systems to be compatible with ~~themselves~~ itself and their intended operational ~~operating~~ environment. This includes: standards, measurement techniques and test procedures, instrumentation, equipment and systems characteristics, interference control techniques and components, education, computational analysis, and spectrum management, along with scientific, technical, industrial, professional or other activities that contribute to this field.

### AMENDMENTS TO EMC SOCIETY BYLAWS, 10 JUNE 2010 REVISION

#### Amendment to Section 10: Technical Committees

*The following amendments align the Technical Committees Structure with the existing TC structure.*

10.5 Committees: The Technical Committees may include, but are not limited to, the following areas of interest.

- EMC Management - TC1
- EMC Measurements - TC2
- EM Environments – TC3
- EM Interference Control – TC4
- High Power Electromagnetics – TC5
- Spectrum Management – TC6
- [~~Non-Sinusoidal Fields~~ = TC7]
- [~~EM Product Safety~~ = TC8]
- Computational Electromagnetics – TC9
- Signal Integrity – TC10
- Nanotechnology – TC11

## **Amendment to Section 12: Standing Committees**

*The following amendments align the Board's Standing Committees Structure with the existing Standing Committees structure.*

12.2 Typical Standing Committees: The Standing Committees may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Administrative Committees
  - 1) Planning
- b) Technical Service Committees
  - 1) Education and Student Activities
  - ~~2) Standards~~
  - 2) Technical Advisory
  - 3) Representative Advisory
- ~~c) Professional Services Committees~~
  - ~~1) Public Relations~~
  - ~~2) Survey~~
  - ~~3) Inter-Society Relations~~
  - ~~4) PACE~~
  - ~~5) International~~
- c) Member Services Committees
  - 1) Awards
  - 2) Chapters
  - 3) Membership
  - 4) Fellow Evaluation
  - 5) Fellow Search
  - 6) Constitution and Bylaws
  - 7) Nominations and Appointments
  - 8) Distinguished Lecturer
  - ~~9) Internet~~
  - 9) Survey
  - 10) PACE
  - 11) Sister Societies
  - 12) Photographer
- d) Communications Services Committees
  - 1) Newsletter
  - 2) Symposium
  - 3) Transactions
  - 4) History
  - ~~5) Chapter Publicity~~
  - 5) IEEE Press Liaison
  - 6) Public Relations
- e) Standards Committees
  - 1) Standards Development
  - 2) Standards Education and Training
  - 3) Standards Advisory and Coordination
- f) Conferences and Symposia Committees
  - 1) International Symposia

2) Global Symposia

3) Financial Assistance Program

## **Amendment, adding Section 16: GOLD (Graduates of Last Decade) Coordinator Position**

*The following amendment creates a new Section 16 to the bylaws, whereby the position of a GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) Representative on the BoD is created.*

### Section 16: GOLD Coordinator Appointment and Participation

A GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) Representative [Defined in IEEE Member & Geographic Activities Manual, Section 4.7] shall be appointed by the President with a majority approval vote of the Board of Directors at the last Board meeting of the year prior to the commencement of his/her term as the ruling President effective 1 January. The term of this appointment shall be for three (3) years beginning 1 January (consistent with the term limits for elected BoD Members-at-Large), extendable for a maximum of one (1) additional term contingent on the appointee meeting the requirements of GOLD status during his/her term of service on the Board. The VP of Member Services shall be responsible for seeking and nominating or recommending to the President qualified EMC-S volunteers who are willing to serve as a GOLD Coordinator. The GOLD Representative, if not an Elected Member of the Board of Directors (Director-at-Large), shall have the status of an Ex-Officio (non-voting) member during his or her tenure in that office. The GOLD Coordinator shall not be counted as part of the quorum.

The charter of activities for the GOLD Coordinator shall include, but not be limited to:

- Bringing motions to the floor at BoD meetings and having all discussion privileges in matters before the BoD, except that no vote shall be cast. The GOLD Coordinator shall not be included in a quorum count.
- Serving on or chairing standing and ad hoc committees.
- Leading committees or teams focusing on engaging young volunteers at the student branch and chapter levels to participate in EMC-S activities.
- Undertaking Board special projects and problem solving studies.
- Implementing ideas and organizing conferences.
- Editing and contributing to newsletters. EMC