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I. Nominations

1. Nominations Committee

On or before February 1 of each year, the President shall appoint a Nominations Committee which shall consist of a Past-President as Chair and two or more members of the Society elected by the AdCom. Chairs shall not be eligible to be elected to the governing body during their term of service. Members of the Nominations Committee are ineligible for nomination by the Nominations Committee for any position under the purview of the Committee until their term of office on the Nominations Committee expires or the member resigns from the Nominations Committee. Resignation must occur before any nominations are made. After resignation a former member of the Nominations Committee may be nominated for any elected position from the floor but not by another member of the same Nominations Committee.

2. Nominations

The Nominations Committee shall submit to the Administrative Committee at least one name of a member of the Society for each vacancy to occur in the Administrative Committee for terms expiring December 31. In addition, the Chair of the Nominations Committee shall cause to be published and distributed to the entire Society membership a Call for Nominations.

A nominating petition carrying a minimum of 2% of the names of eligible Society members, excluding students, shall automatically place that nominee on the slate. Such nominations must be made at least 28 days before the date of any said election.

Prior to submission of a nomination petition, the petitioner shall have determined that the nominee named in the petition is willing to serve, if elected; evidence of such willingness to serve shall be submitted with the petition.

Petition signatures can be submitted electronically through the Society website, or by signing and mailing a paper petition. The name of each member signing the paper petition shall be clearly printed or typed. For identification purposes of signatures on paper petitions, membership numbers or addresses as listed in the official IEEE membership records shall be included. Only signatures submitted electronically through the Society website or original signatures on paper petitions shall be accepted.

3. Nominations Committee Guidelines

The Nominations Committee, in its nominations, and the Administrative Committee, in its elections, shall be guided in their selection by principles of efficiency, geographical distribution, and organizational distribution. In the interest of continuity in Society affairs, the Executive Vice-President shall normally be included on the slate for President the next year.

II. Elections and Officer Duties

1. Election

The slate derived by the Nominations Committee shall be presented to the Society membership at large via mail ballot prior to September 1, and the three candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. The Administrative Committee shall hold an Annual Meeting each year after the results of this vote are known at which time elections will be held to fill the remaining vacancies in the Administrative Committee to occur on the succeeding January 1. The Administrative Committee may add nominees if any member thereof sees fit to do so. A majority of votes cast per candidate of the Committee shall elect. The process will involve nominations, discussions of the candidates, and then the following voting procedure. When there are more candidates than vacant positions, a vote will be held and the candidate receiving the fewest votes will be dropped. Voting will be repeated, successively dropping the candidate with the fewest votes until the correct number of candidates has been elected by majority vote of the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee may hold a contingent election, to be effective in case an elected member fails to take office, or a disapproval is received from Headquarters. The names of the elected members shall be transmitted by the President to the Vice President of the Technical Activities Board and through him/her to the IEEE Executive Committee. Unless disapproval of such elected members is received within 60 days of such transmittal, the elections shall become final. The Administrative Committee, at its Annual Meeting, shall also elect the President and Executive Vice-President of the Administrative Committee for the year beginning on the succeeding January 1.

2. New Officers Assumption of Office

Newly elected officers shall assume office on the first day of January, or as soon thereafter as can be conveniently arranged with retiring officers.

3. Secretary

The President-Elect upon receiving notice of his/her election as President, shall submit to the members of the Administrative Committee the name of a

proposed Secretary for appointment. If a majority of the members of said Administrative Committee do not object within 30 days from date of oral submission or mailing said submission, the appointment shall become final. If a majority of the members of said Administrative Committee object, a new name or names must be submitted. The incumbent Secretary shall remain in office until a successor is appointed and arranges to take over the office. The Secretary will maintain all files and records for the AdCom and will prepare minutes for all AdCom meetings on a timely basis.

4. Ex-Officio Member

An Ex-Officio Member shall serve on the Administrative Committee as provided for by the Bylaws and the Constitution. An Ex-Officio Member has discussion privileges in all matters before the Administrative Committee. Reappointment of Ex-Officio members will be subject to an annual review. An Ex-Officio Member must be a member of the Society and may serve on standing and ad hoc committees.

5. Past President

Past Presidents shall be Members-at-Large of the AdCom for three years following their term of office as President of the Administrative Committee, provided that membership in good standing is maintained with the Society. During this term Past Presidents shall enjoy all rights and fulfill all responsibilities as elected members of the Administrative Committee. Any remaining years of a Past President's elective term on the Administrative Committee will be vacated, and the Past President will be ineligible for re-election to the Administrative Committee for this three year period. The Past President's vacated Elected Member seat will be filled in accordance with Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution. Election of a member to fill this forthcoming vacancy shall take place during the meeting of the Administrative Committee at which the annual election of members for the forthcoming year is held.

After serving as Past President for three years with vote, Past Presidents are invited to become Ex-Officio Members of the AdCom without vote, unless re-elected to AdCom, provided that membership in good standing is maintained with the Society and subject to an active and visible role within AdCom.

6. Executive Vice-President

In the President's absence or incapacity, his/her duties shall be performed by the Executive Vice-President. The Executive Vice-President will have report to him/her the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Operations and Procedures Manual Committee, the IEEE Committee on Earth Observation (ICEO) and the History Committee, and will also serve as Chair of the Strategic

Planning Committee.

7. Vice-President of Professional Activities

The Vice-President of Professional Activities is an elected member of AdCom appointed by the President. Reporting to the Vice-President of Professional Activities are: the Newsletter Editor, the Chair of the Awards Committee, the Chapters and Speakers Committee Chair, the Membership Committee Chair, the Distinguished Lecturers Chair, the Chair of the Fellows Evaluation Committee, the Chair of the Fellows and Senior Members Search Committee, Professional Activities Committee for Engineers (IPACE), the Book Series Editor and all Regional Liaison Officers. The Vice-President of Professional Activities will provide regular reports to the AdCom on the satisfaction of the members with respect to the AdCom's meeting their needs.

8. Vice-President of Operations and Finance

The Vice-President of Operations and Finance is an elected member of AdCom appointed by the President. Reporting to the Vice-President of Operations and Finance are: the Editor of the Transactions, the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters (GRSL), and the Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observation and Remote Sensing (JSTARS), the Chair of the Nominations Committee, the Chair of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee, and the Director of Finance. The Publicity and Public Relations Committee plans, prepares, and implements publicity and public relations for the Society. The Vice-President of Operations and Finance will prepare draft budgets for review and approval by the President and the AdCom. These budgets will be submitted prior to TAB's approval of budgets and page rates. The Vice-President of Operations and Finance will also provide regular reports on the investments by the Society and its reserves. The Vice-President of Operations and Finance will provide regular reports to the AdCom on the Transactions. The President may assign other duties.

9. Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia

The Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia is an elected member of AdCom appointed by the President. Reporting to the Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia are: the Chair of the Conference Coordination Committee, the General Chairs of the International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposia (IGARSS), the Chairs of GRS-S symposia negotiating committees, and the Chairs of Specialty Symposia. The Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia will provide regular reports to the AdCom on the estimated financial status and progress of the international symposia and specialty symposia. The Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia will ensure that presentations to the AdCom for new conference locations provide sufficient details with respect to facilities, budgets, scientific program, and organization. The Vice-President of

Meetings and Symposia will chair the half-day meeting of symposia chairmen which usually takes place the day before an AdCom meeting. The President may assign other duties.

10. Vice-President of Technical Activities

The Vice-President of Technical Activities is an elected member of AdCom appointed by the President. Reporting to the Vice-President of Technical Activities are: the Chairmen of various Technical Committees, the Society's representative to the United States Activities Board (USAB), the Society's representative to the Aerospace R&D Committee, the Society's representative to the Standards Committee, and any Standards Development Committee, and the Society's representative to the New Technology Directions Committee. The Vice-President of Technical Activities will provide regular reports to the AdCom on these committees, including their accomplishments, their membership, and their recommendations to the AdCom. The President may assign other duties.

11. Vice President of Information Services

The Vice President of Information Services is an elected member of AdCom appointed by the President. Reporting to the Vice President of Information Services are; the Director of Corporate Relations, the Education Director, the Web Editor, the Newsletter Editor and the Chair of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee. The Vice President of Information Services will provide regular reports to AdCom on website development and initiatives implemented to support member services and designed to increase society visibility and public outreach. The Vice President of Information Services will also provide recommendations to AdCom on how the Society can more effectively engage with industry and contribute to educational programs.

12. Director of Finance

The Director of Finance, if not an elected Member of the AdCom, shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the AdCom with voting privileges. The Director of Finance must be a member of IEEE and of the Society. He/She shall be nominated by the Vice-President of Operations and Finance, appointed by the President, and ratified by the Administrative Committee. He/She shall normally serve a three year term, which may be renewed at the discretion of the AdCom. In the event that the Director of Finance cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President of Operations and Finance shall appoint an Acting Finance Director until a replacement is found. The Director of Finance will report to the Vice-President of Operations and Finance. The Director of Finance is responsible for maintaining the society's finances, and for providing regular reports to the AdCom on the financial status of the society.

13 Director of Corporate Relations

The Director of Corporate Relations, if not an elected Member of the AdCom, shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the AdCom without voting privileges. He/She shall be nominated by the Vice-President of Information Services, appointed by the President, and ratified by the Administrative Committee. He/She shall normally serve a three year term, which may be renewed at the discretion of the AdCom. In the event that the Director of Corporate Relations cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President of Information Services shall appoint an Acting Director of Corporate Relations until a replacement is found. The Director of Corporate Relations will report to the Vice-President of Information Services. The Director of Corporate Relations is responsible for identifying and pursuing suitable private and government entities involved in geoscience and remote sensing activities for the establishment of technical and business relations, such as sponsorship of conferences and workshops, sponsorship of prizes, and participation as exhibitors in Society's conferences and workshops and as advertisers in the society's publications. The Director of Corporate Relations will also provide regular reports to the AdCom on his/her activities related to the above responsibilities.

14. Education Director

The Education Director, if not an Elected Member of the AdCom, shall be an Ex-Officio member of AdCom without vote, is a Society member appointed by the President and reporting to the Vice-President of Information Services. The Director shall be appointed annually and can be reappointed for a three year term. The Education Director is responsible for overseeing the creation of educational videos related to the Society's field of interest, the creation of a directory of remote sensing and geoscience education in all regions, the student paper contest, and the travel merit scholarships. The Education Director will create such committees as are required to ensure progress in these areas. The Education Director will provide regular reports to the AdCom on these activities.

15. Editor of Transactions

The Editor of the Transactions if not an Elected Member of the AdCom, shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the AdCom with vote and shall be nominated by the Vice-President of Operations and Finance appointed by the President and ratified by the Administrative Committee. He/She shall normally serve a three year term, which may be renewed at the discretion of the AdCom. In the event that the Editor cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President of Operations and Finance shall appoint an Acting Editor until a replacement is found. The Editor shall appoint or remove technical area Associate Editors as required, subject to ratification by the Administrative Committee. The Transactions Editor must be a member of the Society. The Editor is expected to attend AdCom meetings. The Editor will provide regular reports to the Vice-President of Operations and

Finance on such issues as the pages published, delays incurred, page charges recovered, and letters of praise or complaints received.

16. GRS Letters Editor

The Editor of the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters, if not an Elected Member of the AdCom, shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the AdCom with vote and shall be nominated by the Vice-President for Operations and Finance, appointed by the President, and ratified by the Administrative Committee. He/She shall normally serve a three year term, which may be renewed at the discretion of the AdCom. In the event that the Editor cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President of Operations and Finance shall appoint an Acting Editor until a replacement is found. The Editor shall appoint or remove technical area Associate Editors as required, subject to ratification by the Administrative Committee. The GRS Letters Editor must be a member of the Society. The Editor is expected to attend AdCom meetings. The Editor will provide regular reports to the Vice-President of Operations and Finance on such issues as the pages published, delays incurred, page charges recovered, and letters of praise or complaints received.

17. Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall be an Ex-Officio member without vote, of the Administrative Committee, unless the editor is an Elected Member and shall be nominated by the Vice-President of Information Services, appointed by the President and ratified by the Administrative Committee. He/She shall normally serve a three year term, which may be renewed at the discretion of the AdCom. In the event that the Editor cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President of Information Services shall appoint an Acting Editor until a replacement is found. The Editor shall appoint or remove technical area Associate Editors as required, subject to ratification by the Administrative Committee. The Newsletter Editor must be a member of the Society. The Editor is expected to attend AdCom meetings. The Editor will provide regular reports to the Vice-President of Information Services on the pages published, delays incurred, and letters of praise or complaints received.

18. Editor, Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observation and Remote Sensing (J-STARS)

The Editor of J-STARS, if not an Elected Member of the GRS-S AdCom, shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the AdCom with vote. He/she shall be nominated by the J-STARS Steering Committee (JSC), appointed by the President and ratified by the GRS-S AdCom. He/she shall normally serve a three-year term, which may be renewed at the discretion of the JSC and the GRS-S AdCom. In

the event that the Editor cannot fulfill his/her duties, the JSC shall appoint an Acting Editor in consultation with the Vice-President of Operations and Finance until a replacement is found. The Editor shall appoint or remove technical area Associate Editors as required, subject to approval by the JSC. The J-STARS Editor must be a member of the GRS Society. The Editor is expected to attend GRS-S AdCom meetings. The Editor will provide regular reports to the JSC and GRS-S Vice-President of Operations and Finance on such issues as the pages published, delays incurred, page charges recovered, and letters of praise or complaints received.

19. IGARSS Chair

The chair of future, present and immediate past GRS-S Symposia, if not an elected member, shall be an Ex-Officio member without vote, of the Administrative Committee, provided the individual is a member of IEEE. The term of an Ex-Officio immediate past chairperson shall extend through the calendar year following the symposium.

20. Honorary Life Member

Nomination for Honorary Life Member of the Society may be made by any member of the Administrative Committee, or by a petition signed by at least 50 members of Society. A two-thirds affirmative vote by all of the Elected members of the Administrative Committee will be required to elect an Honorary Life Member. In the absence of a sufficient number of elected members of the Administrative Committee at a regular meeting election of Honorary Life Member may be conducted by mail ballot.

A. Eligibility

The position of Honorary Life Member may be bestowed upon an outstanding member of the profession who fulfills the following minimum requirements:

1. The candidate shall have made significant technical contributions in the field of interest of the Society.
2. The candidate shall have performed outstanding service to the profession and to the IEEE.
3. The candidate shall have been a member of the Society for at least five years.
4. The candidate shall have been an elected member of the Administrative Committee.

B. Award

Society fees for Honorary Life Members shall be paid from the Society Treasury. The Secretary shall arrange for this with IEEE Headquarters. The award shall consist of a suitable certificate and a feature publication in the IEEE

Transactions of Geoscience and Remote Sensing.

C. Rights and Privileges

An Honorary Life Member shall be an Ex-officio Member without vote, of the Administrative Committee, if not an elected member of the AdCom.

21. Chapter Chair

The Chair of a Chapter of the Society shall be an Ex-officio Member without vote, of the Administrative Committee unless the Chair is an Elected Member.

22. Senior Council

The senior council serves the AdCom, GRS Society and its membership by providing corporate memory, addressing controversial issues with lack of bias, and organizes and executes open discussion on strategic opportunities. The SC reports to the AdCom through the President. The members of the senior council shall be nominated and appointed by the President and ratified by the Administrative Committee during the AdCom Fall meeting. The SC shall consist of up to 6 past presidents, each with a term of 5 years, which may be renewed at the discretion of the AdCom. The past presidents shall not be members of the senior council during their 3-year terms as member-at-large of the AdCom.

23. Society Affiliates

A Society affiliate shall have full group membership rights and privileges. This status shall be granted to all persons paying the prescribed dues who also satisfy any one of the following criteria:

A. Membership in a Designated Professional Society

The list of Designated Professional Societies shall be established by the Secretary and approved by the Society Administrative Committee.

B Possession of a Bachelor's Degree

The affiliate must possess a Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree in a geoscience or related field with a letter of recommendation from a Society member and approval of the Society Membership Committee.

24. Distribution of Minutes

The Secretary shall distribute to each officer and Administrative Committee member, at least one month prior to each Administrative Committee or Executive Committee meeting, a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting as well as a report of society business transacted other than at meetings.

25. Meeting Notices and Lists

In the course of the duty of sending out notices of meetings, the Secretary may

arrange with Headquarters to handle their mailing, or make other arrangements agreeable to the Administrative Committee. If other facilities than Headquarters are used, she/he shall be responsible for keeping the list of Society members from falling into unauthorized hands.

III. Meetings

1. AdCom Meetings

The Administrative Committee shall hold at least two face-to-face meetings a year, one an Annual Meeting, normally held in the Fall to conduct the Administrative Committee elections. Meetings of the Administrative Committee may be called by the President of the Society at his/her own discretion, or upon request by two other members of the Committee. Between these meetings, the President may call meetings of the Executive Committee, consisting of the President, the Executive Vice-President, the Secretary, the Vice-President of Professional Activities, the Vice-President of Operations and Finance, the Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia, and the Vice-President of Technical Activities and the Vice President of Information Services. The Executive Committee may conduct business as if the full AdCom were meeting, with the exception of elections and approval of the Society's budget. Any AdCom member may attend a meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. Meeting Notification

No meeting of the Administrative Committee or Executive Committee shall be held for the purpose of transacting business unless each member shall have been sent notice of the time and place of such meeting at least 20 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. Provided, however, that if less than a quorum attend a duly called meeting, tentative actions may be taken which will become effective upon subsequent ratification, either at a meeting or by mail, by a sufficient number of members as to constitute a majority. Minutes of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary to each Committee member who shall register his/her disapproval of any actions taken at such meetings, within ten days after receiving said minutes, or he/she shall be deemed to have ratified the actions take.

3. Quorum

The number of Administrative Committee members that constitute a quorum will depend upon the total number of members on the Administrative Committee. A majority of the voting members of the Administrative Committee, ExCom or any sub-committee shall constitute a quorum.

4. Votes on Motions

A majority vote of the Administrative Committee including voting Ex-Officio members attending a meeting shall be necessary in the conduct of its business except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

5. Business of the Administrative Committee in a Meeting or by means of Telecommunication

Business of the Administrative Committee, the ExCom or any of its sub-committees may be handled by any means of telecommunications. The normal voting requirements shall apply when action is taken by means of telecommunication equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

A. Electronic Voting

The Administrative Committee or any committee may take action without a meeting if applicable (e.g. email, correspondence, fax) and an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the voting members shall be required to approve the action.

Any electronic motion being proposed by an AdCom member must first be submitted to the President. The President will (i) put the motion on the website (ii) announce that there is a motion that has been posted on the website and refer voting AdCom members to the website for details and (iii) state the final date of the ballot.

If in consultation with the Executive Committee the motion is considered to be inappropriate for electronic voting, the proposer will be informed and the motion will be tabled for discussion at the next AdCom meeting. All discussions, following the posting of the motion on the website are to be carried on at the GRS-S web site and not by open e-mail.

Electronic voting will have three choices: Yes, No, and Hold. If more than 50% of those eligible to vote vote yes, the motion is carried. If more than 50% of those eligible to vote vote no, the motion is defeated. If more than 50% of those eligible to vote, vote no or hold, the motion shall be tabled for discussion at the next AdCom Meeting.

The results of the vote shall be confirmed promptly in writing or by electronic transmission. The writings and/or electronic transmissions shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Administrative Committee or any committee thereof. Individuals holding more than one position on the Administrative

Committee or any committee thereof, shall be limited to one vote on each matter being considered by that committee.

Proxy voting is not allowed.

6. President's Vote

The President shall have no vote on the Administrative Committee except if the vote is by secret ballot or unless the President's vote can change the outcome of the vote.

7. Meetings/Conferences Non-Conflict

Meetings, conferences, or conventions of the Society shall be open on an equal basis to all members of the IEEE and to Society affiliates. Separate meetings, conferences, or conventions of the Society shall not be held at a time or place which will conflict with a Sectional, Regional, or National Meeting, Conference, or Convention without approval of the Executive Committee of the IEEE. Since the aim of the IEEE is to disseminate information, inclusion of sessions on governmentally classified material within the framework of the IEEE sponsored conferences and symposia should, as a matter of principle, be avoided. However, it would be permissible for a classified meeting, sponsored by another organization, to be held in conjunction with an IEEE conference, and for publicity on such a meeting to be included in the IEEE mailing, so long as it is made perfectly clear that the classified meeting is not sponsored by the IEEE.

8. Proxies

The President can be replaced by either the immediate Past President, the Executive Vice President, the Director of Finance, or an elected officer of the Society in matters requiring a vote at IEEE boards.

IV. Committees

1. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (ExCom) has the authority to act on behalf of the AdCom with the following proviso: the Executive Committee may conduct business as if the full AdCom were meeting, with the exception of elections and approval of the Society's budget. The ExCom may convene at a special meeting, or discuss matters by phone or other means. The ExCom may discuss

significant issues and place them on the AdCom agenda for resolution and enactment.

2. Standing Committees

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President as soon as possible after his/her election as President, and such committees shall hold office for one year coextensive with the term of the office of the President except as otherwise noted in these Bylaws. It will be discretionary with the Society President to appoint any Director or any part or all of any standing committee, or to appoint the Chair only of each committee and request the latter to appoint additional committee members. The President will seek nominations from the responsible Vice-Presidents for the Chairs of the committees or delegate appointment responsibilities to the Vice-Presidents for their areas of responsibility.

3. Awards Committee

This committee shall consider and make recommendations for general IEEE awards, and the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society awards. The Chair of the Awards Committee reports to the Vice-President of Professional Activities. The Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society awards shall be presented not more than once a year and shall be as follows:

A. Distinguished Achievement Award

A plaque and a certificate may be presented for the most distinguished contribution to the field of Geoscience and Remote Sensing.

B. Outstanding Service Award

A certificate may be presented for outstanding service to the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society. GRS-S membership is required.

C. Transactions Prize Paper Award

A certificate and honorarium may be presented for a paper published in the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Transactions for the prior calendar year which is judged to be of exceptional merit. If the paper has more than one author, the honorarium shall be shared.

D. Symposium Prize Paper Award

A certificate and honorarium may be presented for an oral paper presented at the prior years IGARSS Symposium which is judged to be of exceptional merit. If the paper has more than one author, the honorarium shall be shared.

E. Symposium Interactive Prize Paper Award

A certificate and honorarium may be presented for an interactive or a poster paper at the prior years IGARSS Symposium which is judged to be of

exceptional merit. If the interactive paper has more than one author, the honorarium shall be shared.

F. Student Prize Paper Award

A certificate and honorarium may be presented to a student who is the first author of an oral paper and who presents the said paper at the current year's IGARSS Symposium in the student paper competition, if the paper is judged to be among the best three of all student papers entering the competition. The prizes that will be awarded are the First, Second, and Third Prizes.

G. Education Award

A certificate may be presented to recognize a significant educational contribution to the field of geoscience and remote sensing. The recipient must be a member or affiliate of the Society. The award shall be considered annually, but will only be awarded when an outstanding recipient is identified.

The Awards Committee shall review all nominations and select a candidate to be recommended for each of the awards to the Administrative Committee. The date shall be the year of presentation. The award recipients shall be featured in the Society Transactions.

4. Chapters and Speakers Committee

This Committee shall promote the organization of Society Chapters in such Sections that have a sufficient number of Society members. This committee shall carry out this organization under the long-established principle that meetings in any Section come under the sole jurisdiction of the Section officer. This Committee shall appoint a Society representative in such Sections. The Chair of this Committee reports to the Vice-President of Professional Activities.

5. Membership Committee

This Committee shall encourage membership in the Society by all members of the IEEE and Affiliates of accredited societies who are interested in the field of interest of the Society. The committee shall consider and make recommendation to the Administrative Committee as to the inclusion of other societies as affiliates. The Chair of this Committee reports to the Vice-President of Professional Activities. The Membership Committee will arrange for the presence of a Membership booth at all symposia and the presence of some members to solicit membership applications and to answer questions about the Society.

6. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

This committee shall report to the Executive Vice-President and have the following duties:

A. To review and make recommendations on all proposals of the membership with regard to the Constitution and Bylaws;

B. To write, review, or prepare any other action concerning the Constitution and Bylaws, as directed by the Administrative Committee;

C. To guide the President and Administrative Committee in the procedure at each meeting, and as otherwise required, when business of the Society is being conducted.

7. Operations and Procedures Manual Committee

This Committee reports to the Executive Vice-President and is responsible for maintaining at least annually the accuracy of the Operations and Procedures Manual for efficient Society operations and any changes in committee membership.

8. History Committee

This Committee reports to the Executive Vice-President and is responsible for collecting historical information and maintaining the records of Society activities. The updating should be undertaken annually.

9. Strategic Planning Committee

This Committee reports to the Executive Vice-President and is responsible for the long range strategic planning for the advancement of and benefit to the Society in achieving its goals.

10. Conference Coordination Committee

This committee shall report to the Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia and have the following duties.

A. To guide the Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia and the Administrative Committee in planning for co-sponsored symposia and the annual International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS).

B. To promote and be responsible for the successful execution of the annual International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS), including the appointment of Chair(s) for the IGARSS organizing committees.

C. To coordinate the Society's co-sponsorship of other meetings, conferences and symposia.

11. Fellows Evaluation Committee

The Fellows Evaluation Committee shall consider, review and make

recommendations regarding nomination of candidates to Fellow grade membership. The chairperson and members of this committee may not serve on both this committee and the Fellows and Senior Member Search Committee, simultaneously. The Chair of this committee must be an IEEE Fellow and reports to the Vice-President of Professional Activities.

12. Fellows and Senior Member Search Committee

The Fellows and Senior Member Search Committee shall identify suitable candidates for upgrade to Senior Member, and nomination to IEEE Fellow. The chair and members of this committee may not serve on both this committee and the Fellows Evaluation Committee, simultaneously. The Chair of this committee must be an IEEE Fellow and reports to the Vice-President of Professional Activities.

13. Other Committees

In addition to the above committees, the President may appoint, as his/her discretion, any temporary, ad hoc, or special committees required to carry out special assignments conducive to the effectiveness of the Society.

V. Definitions

1. The Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee consists of 15 to 18 members elected in accordance with the GRS-S Constitution Sections VI.1 and VI.3, the Past-Presidents and Ex-Officio members. The Administrative Committee is also referred to as the AdCom.

2. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of 8 of the AdCom members. The Executive Committee includes: the President, the Executive Vice-President, the Secretary, the Vice-President of Professional Activities, the Vice-President of Operations and Finance, the Vice-President of Meetings and Symposia, the Vice-President of Technical Activities and the Vice President of Information Services.

VI. Amendments

1. Amendment Procedure

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds vote of the Administrative Committee in meeting assembled, provided that notice of the proposed change has been sent to each member of the Administrative Committee at least a week prior to such a meeting; or a Bylaw, or amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds mail vote of the members of the Administrative Committee provided a 30-day period is provided for such responses. In either

event, the proposed Bylaw or amendment shall be published to the Society Transactions or Newsletter. No Bylaw, or amendment, shall take effect until it has been published and has been mailed to the Technical Activities Secretary of the IEEE, and she/he has obtained approval of the General Manager.

2. Bylaw Amendment History

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