

# Rules Governing the Election of Officers

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(General provisions)

Article 1 The election of the officers of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers (IEICE) shall be carried out in accordance with the following provisions in addition to the relevant provisions in the Articles of Association of the IEICE and other relevant rules.

2. The rules regarding the president and president-elect of a society as set out in these Rules apply to the respective officers of a society that has had its right to elect a director approved by the board of directors.

Article 2 In December each year, the board of directors shall recommend candidates for the election of officers to be held in the following year.

Article 3 The number of candidates to be recommended is as follows:

- Two candidates for director (president-elect) (at least one candidate)
- One candidate for director (vice president in charge of enhancing technological activities)
- One candidate for director (vice president in charge of strengthening the organization)
- Two candidates for director (general affairs) (at least one candidate)
- Two candidates for director (finance) (at least one candidate)
- Two candidates for director (journal and transactions) (at least one candidate)
- Two candidates for director (conferences, student activities, and education) (at least one

candidate)

Two candidates for director (international coordination and publicity) (at least one candidate)

One candidate for director (publications) (at least one candidate)

One candidate for director (strategic planning)

One candidate for director (standard activities)

Two candidates for director (society president-elect: engineering sciences society)

Two candidates for director (society president-elect: communications society)

Two candidates for director (society president-elect: electronics society)

Two candidates for director (society president-elect: information and systems society)

Two candidates for auditor (at least one candidate)

Article 4 The board of directors shall determine the candidates for the president of each society based on the recommendations of each society, and recommend them in December every year.

(List of candidates)

Article 5 Candidates recommended by the board of directors shall be recorded in a list of candidates.

Article 6 In the list of candidates, the names of candidates shall be arranged in the order of the Japanese syllabary for each office. A profile of each candidate containing no more than about 500 Japanese characters (or about 250 words if written in English) shall be included.

(Voting form)

Article 7 The names of candidates and the order in which they appear shall be the same as those in the list of candidates.

Article 8 The voting form shall be disclosed on the IEICE website in February for IEICE members and those honorary members who were once members (hereinafter referred to as "members, etc.").

(Voting)

Article 9 Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot. The voting period shall be about a month from the day when the voting form is disclosed in February and shall be determined by the board of directors each year.

Article 10 Irrespective of their nationalities or residences, members, etc. can vote to elect one candidate if there are two candidates for an office.

2. If there is only one candidate for a particular office, members, etc. can still cast their selection votes (i.e., cast a vote of confidence or no-confidence for a particular candidate).

3. Members, etc. can cast their votes to elect the president-elect of the society they belong to.

4. The societies that are entitled to elect their president and president-elect who serve as

IEICE directors are the following:

- Engineering Sciences Society
- Communications Society
- Electronics Society
- Information and Systems Society

5. Members, etc. of a society not entitled to elect a director, can vote for the election of the president-elect candidate of the society that jointly operates with said society and has had its right to elect a director approved by the board of directors.

Article 11 Members, etc. cannot vote for anyone who is not included in the list of candidates.

Article 12 Voting shall be concluded before the end of the voting period.

Article 13 Director of general affairs shall put the ballots received in order and store them securely in accordance with the previous article.

(Vote counting)

Article 14 Votes shall be counted in the presence of the president or of the director(s) assigned by the president.

(Invalid voting)

Article 15 Votes that fall into one of the following categories shall be regarded as invalid:

- (a). Vote made without using the official ballot form (the relevant electronic voting system).
- (b). The number of candidates selected for an office is not identical to that specified in Article 10.

However, the scope of invalidity is limited to the office concerned.

Article 16 In addition to the above article, if there is any doubt about the validity of a vote, the witness present in accordance with Article 14 shall determine whether the vote is valid or not.

(Auxiliary provision)

Article 17 The candidates for president and society presidents at the first board of directors meeting following the annual general assembly are those who were elected in the election of officers and served as the president-elect or society presidents-elect in the previous fiscal year.

(Supplementary provisions)

1. The election of presidents of societies shall be concurrent with the election of the officers and councilors.
2. Notwithstanding Articles 4 and 5, presidents of societies for fiscal year 1995 shall be elected in an election in which the chair of the steering committee of each group in 1994 is selected as a candidate recommended by the board of directors of the corresponding

society for president of the corresponding society.

(Supplementary provision)

1. The transitional measures required as a result of the partial amendment to the present regulations adopted in the General Assembly held on May 28, 2002 shall be as follows:
  - (a). In the first year of the amendment, the president-elect and president shall be elected by voting, and the president-elect, the president and the previous president shall also be directors.
  - (b). In the second year of the amendment, the president-elect shall be elected by voting, and the president-elect, the president and the previous president shall also be directors.

(Supplementary provision)

1. The amendment adopted on July 19, 2011 shall come into force on the day of the registration of the establishment of the IEICE as a general corporate judicial person. However, the election of officer candidates made in advance in fiscal year 2011 shall be made in accordance with the revised provisions applied *mutatis mutandis*. Namely, the election held in fiscal year 2011 shall not include the election of councilors. The election, etc. of the vice president (Tokyo) and the vice president (outside Tokyo) shall be held in accordance with the revised provisions.

(Supplementary provision)

1. The amendment adopted on October 24, 2013 shall come into force on the day of its adoption.

(Supplementary provision) Amendment adopted on February 16, 2015

1. The amendment adopted on February 16, 2015 shall come into force on the day of its adoption and shall be applied beginning with the election of officers for fiscal 2016.

(Supplementary provision) Amendment adopted on March 17, 2016

1. This amendment shall come into force on the day of its adoption and shall be applied beginning with the election of officers for fiscal 2017.

(Supplementary provision) Amendment adopted on December 18, 2017

1. This amendment shall come into force on the day of its adoption and shall be applied beginning with the election of officers for fiscal 2018.