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**Papers published in society transactions** should undergo rigorous peer review prior to acceptance for publication. **Specific** review policies appropriate for the **transactions** should be developed by the Publications Board in conjunction with the TOC, and should generally be typical of the review processes of respected scientific, scholarly, and technical societies. The procedures should provide for appropriate author appeals, but the anonymity of the reviewers should be maintained.

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#### 9.1.0 Definitions

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### **10.2 PUBLICATIONS BOARD**

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#### **10.2.2 Publication Review and Planning**

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#### 10.2.7 Editor-in-Chief Search Committees

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The editor-in-chief (EIC) Search Committees shall function as follows:

1. The Publications Board chair shall establish an ad hoc EIC Search Committee for the open position, consisting of at least three members, at least nine months in advance of the known vacancy. The process would be expedited in the case of extraordinary vacancies (e.g., the resignation, severe or prolonged illness, or death of an EIC). In such extraordinary situations, the vice president for publications, in concurrence with the Publications Board, would, as expeditiously as possible, recommend to the president for appointment, an "acting" EIC, while the EIC search is conducted.

2. The search committee should develop a list of candidates through open solicitation, including recommendations from the corresponding operations committee. The candidates are most likely to be drawn from the pool of people being mentored for EIC positions, from former or present associate editors, and from the pool of people who have editorial experience outside of the Computer Society. Recommendations for candidates should be sought from technical committees, conferences, and other editorial boards.

3. As the search progresses, the search committee should keep the vice president for publications and president of the society aware of the candidates being considered. The functions of each body and officer need to be well understood by all involved: the search committee's function

#### 9.2.7 Editor-in-Chief Search Committees

is to identify and recommend candidates; the Publications Board reviews those candidates and makes its recommendations to the president; the president selects and appoints the EIC; and the Board of Governors reviews and consents to the appointment.

4. Early in the search process the committee should ask each candidate:

a) To obtain a letter of institutional/employer support for this editorship should it be offered.

b.) To prepare and provide a plan that details the prospective course of action that the candidate projects to take with respect to the publication. This plan should include:

(1) the candidate's perspective of the publication to include challenges and opportunities,

(2) the tasks of the EIC to meet the challenges and to exploit the opportunities,

(3) the objective milestones associated with the intermediate and final accomplishment of these tasks,

(4) the projected schedules for the accomplishment of these milestones,

(5) the projected organization which will accomplish these tasks, and

(6) the funding requirements to accomplish these tasks.

These are necessary conditions for consideration as a candidate.

5. After the search committee selects its top candidate(s), the chair should discuss the committee's recommendations with the vice-president for publications and the president.

6. The search committee reports its finding and recommendations to the Publications Board in executive session. The Publications Board should make its recommendation to the president in confidence. No public disclosure of the candidates' identities should be made until after the president has agreed to the appointment.

7. As provided in the bylaws, the final step in the process occurs when the president presents the appointment to the Board of Governors for concurrence as provided in the bylaws. This should include a copy of the successful candidate's plans.

8. Editors-in-chief may be appointed for a maximum of two consecutive terms for a given position. The total time shall not exceed four years, except for an initial EIC of a new publication. At the discretion of the vice president for publications, the two-year term of office of the first editor-in-chief shall begin with the **publication of the first issue of that periodical.**

#### **10.2.8 Editorial Board Member Selection Process**

Editorial Board members for each periodical are appointed by the respective EICs with the consent of the Publications Board, utilizing the following procedures:

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publication for which the person is being considered.

2. Publications Board members have 30 days to reply to the proposed appointment.
3. If no objections are received within the time limit, the appointment is de facto confirmed; the EIC shall send a notice of the confirmed appointment to the candidate, with copies to the vice president for publications, the publisher, and the director of finance and administration.
4. If there are objections to the appointment, the appointment shall be deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Publications Board, at which the EIC appointment may be discussed and decided.

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1. Objective Criteria: examine current financial health, **current circulation and trends**, acceptance ratios for **papers**, citations index for **transactions**, editorial processing time.
2. Subjective Criteria: breadth of coverage of field, informal sampling of readership opinion, informal sampling of authors opinion.

When possible, the evaluation of a **periodical** should be done during the period of a search for a new EIC for the **periodical**.

#### 10.2.12. Editorial Budget Policy

The Computer Society and the host institution of an EIC together shall supply the support required to perform the **EIC job**. The EIC should use funds from the host institution or other available sources in preference to the funds of the Computer Society **where a choice is possible**. The Computer Society shall assure sufficient funding to perform the following when host institution funds are insufficient to support these activities:

Secretarial Support: An EIC needs secretarial support proportional to the workload, based on the number of submissions. The maximum support is a full time secretary. **Periodicals with relatively small workloads shall have proportionally smaller amounts of secretarial time supported**. The budgeted cost of a secretary shall take into consideration the nominal cost of secretarial time at the host institution.

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The evaluation of publications shall use the criteria below:

1. Objective Criteria: examine current financial health, **current and projected circulation and sales**, acceptance ratios for **manuscripts**, citations index for **publications**, and editorial processing time.
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Office Expenses: Office expenses include the cost of communications and supplies. the expenses related to phone, fax, mail, filing, copying, and so forth are proportional to the workload, based on the number of submissions.

Travel Policy: Each EIC shall have budgeted funding for the EIC or the EIC's designee to travel to up to three Publications Board meetings annually. In addition, each EIC shall have budgeted funding for the EIC or the EIC's designee for travel to an EIC meeting with managing editors.

Publication-specific Expenses: When identified by an EIC and endorsed by the vice president for publications, some publication-specific expenses can be included in the budget. Among the items that qualify as publication-specific are travel of some editorial board members to a meeting for a specific purpose, assistance to associate editors, and special activities for particular publications that are not generic to all publications.

The policy does not provide for funding travel of all associate editors to annual editorial board meetings. Under the policy above, funding for travel to such meetings must be provided by the host institution of the associate editor or from other sources, with exceptions to be requested by the EIC as Publication-Specific Expenses. If an EIC chooses to hold an editorial board meeting, the EIC is encouraged to hold it at a major conference that is normally attended by many members of the editorial board, and for which travel support can readily be obtained from sources outside the Computer Society.

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#### 10.3.1 Membership

The membership of the Magazine Operations Committee (MOC) and Transactions Operations Committee (TOC) shall be as specified in the bylaws.

#### 10.3.2 Duties

The **TOC and the MOC** are responsible for collecting budget information from the EICs, analyzing and recommending EIC budgets for approval by the Publications Board, providing such other assistance to the vice president for publications as may be required, and overseeing all of the operational aspects of the **periodicals**.

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5. The **TOC and the MOC** will assist the Publications Board and the **periodical** EICs in recognizing outstanding technical leaders and achievers (EICs, editorial board members, guest editors, quality referees, authors of outstanding manuscripts, et al.) and assist the EICs and vice president for publications in submitting the necessary documentation for nominating candidates for the various IEEE and Computer Society awards.

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### 10.8.2 Block Subscriptions

The sale of block subscriptions to sister societies is permitted. A block subscription is defined as 100 or more subscriptions shipped to the same address, or shipped to different addresses, where mailing labels have been provided by the sister society. The sister society would handle all collections. A "total membership" block subscription will be billed to the sister society at a rate of at least the IEEE entity member rate. A "member option" block subscription will be billed at a rate of at least 1.2 times the member rate. It will be required that the sister society bill individual members in the "member option" case at the sister society rate or greater.

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