

# IEEE Vehicular Technology Society

## Constitution

### Article 1: Name and Objective

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the Vehicular Technology Society of the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE-VTS).

**Section 2.** Its objective shall be scientific, literary, and educational in character. The Society shall strive to advance the theory and practice of electro-technology engineering and of the allied arts and sciences, with specific application to vehicular systems, and the maintenance of a high professional standing among its members.

**Section 3.** The Society shall promote close cooperation and exchange of information among its members and shall hold meetings for the presentation of papers and their discussion, and through its committees shall study and provide for the needs of its members.

**Section 4.** The Society will conduct its affairs according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the IEEE and of this Society.

### Article II: Fields of Interest

**Section 1.** The fields of interest of the Society are the theoretical, experimental and operational aspects of electrical and electronics engineering in mobile radio, motor vehicles and land transportation. (a) Mobile radio shall include all terrestrial mobile services. (b) Motor vehicles shall include the components and systems and motive power for propulsion and auxiliary functions. (c) Land transportation shall include the components and systems used in both automated and non-automated facets of ground transport technology.

### Article III: Membership

**Section 1.** Membership in the Society shall be available only to members of the IEEE in any grade, including Students.

**Section 2.** Affiliates may participate in the Society as provided by the IEEE Bylaws and additional limitations imposed by the Society Bylaws.

### Article IV: Financial Support

**Section 1.** The Society shall collect from its members and Affiliates annual dues in accordance with IEEE Bylaws.

**Section 2.** The Society may raise revenues by advertising, exhibits, and request for contributions and charges for sending notices to non-Society members, provided such means are consistent with IEEE Bylaws. Any revenue means not explicitly covered by IEEE rules must be approved by the IEEE in accordance with established policies and procedures.

#### **Article V: Administration**

**Section 1.** The Society shall be administered by an Administrative Committee (AdCom) of 15 elected members known as the Board of Governors, hereinafter called the (BOG).

**Section 2.** Sub-entities of the Society shall be prescribed in the Society Bylaws.

**Section 3.** The terms of office of the members of the Board of Governors shall be for 3 years, 5 members to be elected each year.

**Section 4.** The Board of Governors shall elect from its membership the governing officers as specified in the Society Bylaws, which will include the election of the Society President. The Society President shall be the chairman of the Board of Governors and shall be a member of the IEEE Technical Activities Board.

**Section 5.** The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be specified in the Society Bylaws.

**Section 6.** The Board of Governors shall have the responsibility for managing all aspects of the Society including the establishment of Society policies to the extent which is authorized by the IEEE Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies.

**Section 7.** The Board of Governors shall utilize the services of IEEE Headquarters as a bursar for all or part of Society funds, as provide by the IEEE Bylaws. If any part of the Society funds are received and deposited separately, the terms and conditions shall be in accordance with IEEE Policies, and Society Bylaws and subject to any special conditions of the Board of Governors.

**Section 8.** Neither the Vehicular Technology Society nor any officer or member thereof shall have authority to contract debts for, pledge the credit of, or in any way bind the IEEE or the Vehicular Technology Society, except within the terms of previously approved budgets.

#### **Article VI: Meetings, Conferences, Conventions and Related Business**

**Section 1.** The Society may hold meetings, conferences, symposia or conventions either alone or in cooperation with Sectional, Regional or other convention committees of the IEEE or other not-for-profit organizations, subject to the IEEE policies and procedures. The Society shall sponsor at least one technical conference of major scope each year.

**Section 2.** Meetings, conferences or conventions of the Society shall be open on an equal basis to all members of the IEEE. The Society shall not sponsor or co-sponsor a meeting which is subject to security clearance. The registration fee for members and non-members shall be in accordance with IEEE policies.

## **Article VII:** Publications

**Section 1.** Publications undertaken by the Society shall be subject to IEEE policies and to any further guidance or controls prescribed by the Board of Governors or its duly appointed committees. The Society shall be responsible for the financial aspects of its publication program.

**Section 2.** The President, with the consent of the Board of Governors shall appoint such editors as may be required to implement the publication program. The duties of an editor shall be prescribed in the Society Bylaws.

## **Article VIII:** Amendments

### **Section 1** Constitution Amendments

**Section 1.1** Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a petition submitted by at least 100 voting members of the Society or by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the elected members of the Board of Governors. Proposed amendments to the Constitution brought by petition do not require further approval by the Board of Governors.

**Section 1.2** Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be dispatched via either postal or electronic mail to each member of the Board of Governors at least 20 days prior to a scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors and receive at least two-thirds affirmative votes to be approved.

**Section 1.3** Board approved or petitioned Constitution amendment proposals must be submitted to the IEEE Technical Activities for approval in accordance with the process defined in the TAB Operations Manual.

### **Section 1.4** Constitution Ratification

**Section 1.4.1** The IEEE Technical Activities approved amendment shall be published in the Society Magazine, or otherwise publicized by direct or electronic mailing to the membership with notice that it goes into effect unless 100 or more Society members object in writing within 30 days. If no such objections are received, the Constitution amendment shall be approved. If such objections are received, a copy of the proposed amendment shall be dispatched via either postal or electronic mail with a ballot to all voting members of the Society at least 30 days before the date appointed for return of the

ballots, and shall carry a statement of the time for their return to the IEEE office. Approval of the amendment by at least two-thirds of the members voting shall be necessary for its enactment.

**Section 1.5.** A final copy of the approved Constitution shall be filed with the Secretary of the Technical Activities Board with its effective date.

**Section 2.0.** Bylaw Amendments

The procedures for Bylaw Amendments are specified in the Society Bylaws.

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