

BYLAWS OF THE

CONO SUR COUNCIL

OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS, INC.

In all instances, the *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Bylaws, Constitution, Member and Geographic Activities Board (MGA) Operations Manual* and *IEEE Policy and Procedures* will prevail when there is a conflict between these documents and Council Bylaws.

ARTICLE I – Name and Territory

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the **CONO SUR COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS** being referenced in short as **CONO SUR COUNCIL**.

Section 2

The territory of the CONO SUR COUNCIL, as approved by MGA, includes the following countries: Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of The CONO SUR COUNCIL is to further the aims and ideals of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, to help coordinating the activities of the constituent Sections and to promote international meetings and activities for the benefit of its members.

ARTICLE III – Constituent Sections, Society Chapters and Affinity Groups

Section 1

The constituent Sections of CONO SUR COUNCIL are Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

Section 2

In the case of the constitution of an additional Section within the territory of CONO SUR COUNCIL, the corresponding Section Chair may perform an application to the Council and Regional Director to become a member of the Council.

ARTICLE IV – Council Committee

Section 1

The Council Committee also known as Council Executive Committee shall consist of its Chair and the elected current Chairs of each constituent Section.

Section 2

- a. The Council Committee shall work based on virtual meetings every two months.
- b. The Council Committee will perform a yearly meeting during the R9 General Meeting.
- c. A quorum for a Council Committee meeting is only possible with the presence of the representatives of all member Sections.
- c. The Council Chair or, in the event of his/her unavailability, the Council Vice Chair, shall be responsible for calling the necessary number of Council Committee meetings.

Section 3

The Chair of each Section can nominate a representative for a specific CONO SUR meeting. Nevertheless, the Council Chair responsibilities can only be delegate to the Council Vice Chair.

ARTICLE V – Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Council Committee will be The Council Chair, Council Vice Chair, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2

The elected officers of the CONO SUR Council shall be the Council Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3

The CONO SUR Council Chair is a rotating position among the Sections, based on the following sequence: Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

Section 4

Each year, the Section which has to take the role of Council Chair will designate an IEEE Member as Chair of the Council. It may be the current or a past Section Chair, and will hold at least the grade of “Senior Member”.

Section 5

For Section Representatives, terms of office will begin on January 1 of the year following the election and will end when a new person becomes the Chair of the Respective Section.

Section 6

The duties of the elected officers will be available from MGA Department.

Section 7

The Council Chair shall be the Chair of the Council Committee and represents the Council in all IEEE activities.

Section 8

The Vice Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer will be elected among the Section Chairs that integrate the Council by Council Committee by majority votes among the members of the Council.

Section 9

The names of the newly elected/appointed officers of the Council shall be reported by the Council Secretary to IEEE MGA Department within 20 days following election/appointment.

ARTICLE VI - Standing Committees

Section 1

The Standing Committees of the Council will be as follows: Student Activities, Membership Development, Technical Activities and those that may be required in the future

Section 2

The Council Chair with the approval of the Council Executive Committee will appoint the Chairs of the Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VII - Management

Section 1

The management of the Council shall be by the Council Executive Committee.

Section 2

Meetings of the Council Executive Committee ordinarily will be held annually and will be called by the Council Chair. Extraordinary meetings may be held by a request of any two members of the Council Executive Committee or by the Council Chair to address specific important issues that cannot wait until the next ordinarily meeting.

Section 3

The fiscal year of the Council shall be 1 January – 31 December.

ARTICLE VIII - Finances

Section 1

There shall be no Council dues.

Section 2

Activities of the Council must be pre-approved by the Council Committee in order for any related expense to be reimbursable.

Section 3

Council Treasurer or Chair must approve all expenditures of Council funds.

Section 4

Without prior authorization of the IEEE Executive Committee, Council funds can be used only for normal operations of the Council. Those activities which fall outside of normal operations include donations, establishment of scholarship funds, and investment of funds outside of the IEEE Investment Program will require special approval from Council Committee and IEEE Financial Service Staff.

Section 5

The Treasurer and Chair shall be authorized to draw funds as approved by the Council Executive Committee.

Section 6

If permitted by government and banking regulations, all unit bank accounts will provide for the signature authority of the IEEE Staff Director, Financial Services.

Section 7

Financial support for Council activities shall be obtained from the sections comprising the Council and / or from income producing activities sponsored by the Council, from Donations or as otherwise provided by the Region.

Section 8

A summarized financial report of the Council shall be annually published to inform the constituent members of the Council.

ARTICLE IX – Council Requirements for Activity

Section 1

CONO SUR COUNCIL is required to submit to IEEE Financial Services staff a report of the previous year's financial activity by the third week of February each year. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be reported to the Chairs of the participating Sections and the Regional Director.

Section 2

If the CONO SUR COUNCIL is sponsoring Society Chapters or Affinity Groups, it must also

submit the meeting and officer reports of those units on an annual basis, in order to qualify for the rebate allowed for Chapters or Affinity Groups.

Section 3

The CONO SUR COUNCIL exists at the pleasure of the Sections comprising it. A Section or Sections may petition the Regional Director to intervene in Council operations in the event of an insoluble dispute. The Regional Director, at his or her discretion, may ask MGA for assistance in resolving the dispute.

ARTICLE X – Rules and regulations

Section 1

In Order to provide for the proper handling of the Council's routine work and the management of its affairs, the Council Executive Committee may adopt, in connection with these bylaws, such rules and regulations as may be found necessary, but no rule or regulation shall be adopted that will conflict with these Bylaws, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies & Procedures of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, or the MGA Operations Manual.

ARTICLE XI – Dissolution

Section 1

In the event that the Council no longer meets the needs of its member Sections, the Council maybe dissolved by majority vote of the Executive Committees of the member Sections. Any remaining Council Funds will be divided equally among the constituent Sections.

Section 2

In the event that an individual member Section determines that it no longer wishes to be a member of the Council, it may withdraw from the Council.

ARTICLE XIV - Amendments

Section 1

Proposals for amendments to these Bylaws may originate in the Council Executive Committee or by a petition signed by 2 or more voting member Sections.

Section 2

Amendments to or revocation of these Bylaws shall be in accordance with the IEEE Bylaws, MGA Bylaws and MGA Operations Manual. Council Bylaws shall be ratified by all the member Sections. Such amendments must be reviewed by IEEE Staff, and approved by the Region Director and MGA Board.

Section 3

Any amendment of these bylaws must receive the unanimous approval of the member Sections. The vote within the individual member Section Executive Committees need not be unanimous.