

To the members of ACM SIGSOFT:

The leaders of SIGSOFT are requesting a bylaw change that requires a vote of the membership of SIGSOFT. The membership has already been notified of several changes in the bylaws that were approved under the streamline process late last year.

The proposed changes to the SIGSOFT Bylaws are:

- * Add a new article 8 concerning conferences, to bring the bylaws into line with current practice.
- * Remove all references to Technical Committees, since SIGSOFT no longer uses that structure. (Current Article 8)

New Article 8:

Article 8. Conferences.

- a. The Group will maintain an active conference schedule to ensure that its mission is properly achieved.
- b. Unless otherwise designated by the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall have primary responsibility for managing conference schedules, application for sponsorship and in-cooperation status, etc.
- c. Every ongoing conference sponsored or cosponsored by the Group shall have its own steering committee, which is responsible for ensuring that the conference is effectively run over time and for ensuring that the goals of the conference are consistent with those of the Group.
- d. A member of the Group's Executive Committee must serve in an ex-officio role in every such steering committee.

The current SIGSOFT Bylaws can be found at http://www.acm.org/sigs/bylaws-contents/soft_bylaws/.

The SIGSOFT Executive Committee requests your careful consideration of these new bylaws, and hopes you can support them with your vote.