

Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

IEEE Communications Society - Information Theory Society Joint Paper Award

Section 1.

The IEEE Communications Society - Information Theory Society Joint Paper Award (Comsoc/ITSoc joint paper award) shall be given annually for an outstanding paper appearing in any publication of the IEEE Communications Society or the IEEE Information Theory Society in the previous three calendar years. The Award consists of \$500 and a Plaque for each author (total cost not to exceed \$1,000 for each paper).

Section 2.

The award winner shall be decided by a joint Comsoc/ITSoc awards committee, which shall consist of four members appointed by Comsoc and four members appointed by ITSoc. Members shall have a two year term with the term of half the members of each Society expiring in odd years and the term of the other half expiring in even years. An adjustment will be required for the first two years of the committee. The chairmanship of the committee shall alternate yearly between the Societies. All committee meetings and voting may be handled electronically.

An open call for nominations to this award shall be published in the Newsletter with a deadline of March 1. The IT members of the joint Comsoc/ITSoc awards committee shall also be identified by March 1. A list of at least five nominations from the open call as well as internal nominations shall be forwarded to the chair of the joint committee. No paper selected for the IT paper award shall be eligible for the joint award, and no paper selected for the joint award shall be eligible for the IT award. Normally one paper would be selected but a maximum of two may be chosen in a given year. The committee also has the option of not selecting any award winning paper in a given year if they deem that no suitable papers have been nominated.

Notice of the winner is given to IEEE for preparation of plaques and checks on June 1.

Winners are notified and given the option to select the ComSoc or ITSoc Symposium at which the award will be presented.

International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT) Student Paper Award

Section 1.

The ISIT Student Paper Award shall be given annually for one or more outstanding papers appearing in ISIT that year for which one or more students are the dominant authors. ISIT Papers are eligible for this award if (a) The first author is a registered student at the time of paper submission (or, in the case of alphabetical author order, a registered student is the dominant contributor) and (b) This student presents the paper at ISIT. The Award consists of \$500 (to be divided among the student authors of the paper) and a Plaque for each student author.

Section 2.

The ISIT TPC shall forward to the awards committee chair a summary of review scores and reviewer comments of the top-ranked eligible papers by April 1. The awards committee shall

select the finalist papers for the award by May 1 and notify the finalists and the TPC chairs. These papers shall be scheduled to be presented on the first three days of ISIT. These presentations shall be judged by the awards committee during the symposium. The award winning paper(s) shall be decided based on both the paper content and its presentation at the symposium, and the winner(s) announced there. Multiple awards can be given. The awards committee also has the option of not selecting any award winning paper in a given year if they deem that no papers merit the award.