An *ad hoc* committee appointed by Director Beheshti comprised of past-directors Charles Rubenstein - Chair, Peter Eckstein, Lou Luceri, and Vince Socci presented to the Region 1 ExCom at their meeting in March 2018 a recommendation that Region Bylaw 5.2.2 Election/Appointment Process be revised to the original intent of the MGA Area Chair selection process being that of appointment by the Director-Elect as it is practiced in other IEEE Regions. The following revision to Region 1 Bylaw 5.2.2 was APPROVED by the Region 1 Board of Governors on Saturday 11 August 2018 and will be submitted to MGA as a consent agenda item at the next MGA meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Area Chairs act as the Director’s representative in their respective geographical areas yet they, from time to time they have not necessarily been the best candidates with respect to experience and capabilities. Per the MGA Ops Manual in Section 9.2 (18 November 2017):

**9.2 AREAS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A. Definition

An Area is a part of a Region, consisting of several Sections, states, provinces, or countries which may be established by the Region Committee as a management and administrative organizational unit of IEEE to fulfill the communication needs and management/administrative missions of the Region within the territory prescribed.

1. The Regional Director may appoint Area Chairs to serve a one- or two-year term during the incumbency of the Director.

2. The Area Chair acts on behalf of and at the direction of the Regional Director on specific assignments related to the management and administration of the Region.

3. The Area Chair(s) may serve on the Region Committee with the approval of the Region Committee.

**REGION 1 APPROVED REVISED Bylaw 5.2.2 Election/Appointment Process:**

“5.2.2 Election/Appointment Process:

An Area Chair represents the Region in each Area. It is permissible to substitute a Council Chair in the event the Council boundaries encompass the geographic Area. There can be one or more Councils in an Area. Upon request of the Region 1 Director-Elect, the Region 1 N&A Committee, shall present a slate of at least two, and not more than three, candidates for each Area Chair position to the Region 1 Director-Elect by August 31 of an odd numbered year. Consideration should be given to candidates within the Area.

With or without such advice, the Region 1 Director-Elect shall, no later than October 31 of that odd numbered year, appoint the respective Area Chairs for a two-year term coinciding with his/her term of office in accordance with MGA Operations Manual, Section 9.2.A.1.

The Region 1 Director-Elect shall submit his/her Area Chair nominees to the Region 1 ExCom for approval as voting members, during his/her term of office, of both the Region 1 Board of Governors and the Region 1 ExCom.”