

Proposal for New Association

We hereby create a new association as follows:

1. Name

The new association will be called the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology. The acronym will be INSEIT, pronounced “insight.”

[Explanation and Response to Subcommittee Recommendations: Inclusion of ‘International’ makes clear that the association is intended to be global in scope. The inclusion of “ethics” will make the association distinct from other groups focusing on information technology. ‘Information Technology’ is more current and includes more than just ‘computers.’ It may be better to leave off “philosophical” because the field depends on multi-disciplinary contributions – CS, other sciences, social sciences, humanities and practitioners.]

2. Mission

The Society will be devoted to promoting and facilitating scholarship, education, discussion and debate, and other activities deemed valuable by its members on the ethical issues in and surrounding information technology. The Society will be distinctively devoted to normative issues in and around the following: The design and development of IT; The use and deployment of IT; Distribution of IT; Impacts and implications of IT; and The social and political institutions arising around IT.

3. Membership

Membership fees will be graduated according to ability to pay and type of membership, and will be periodically adjusted as specified in the Bylaws. During the first year of the Society, the membership fees will be as follows:

Member salary \$100,000. + =	\$100. U.S.
Member salary \$75,000. - \$99,999.=	\$75.
Member salary \$50,000. - \$74,999.=	\$60.
Member salary \$25,000. - \$49,000.=	\$ 40.
Member salary less than \$25,000. =	\$25
Students =	\$15.

Membership in the Society will entitle individuals to vote in elections and to receive other benefits that the Society succeeds in making available. These will include reduced rates for subscriptions to journals, reduced rates at conferences sponsored or co-sponsored by the Society.

4. Bylaws

See below

5. Initial first election.

Immediately following a vote on this proposal at the CEPE2000 conference, an election committee will be constituted. Initially the current informal executive committee will serve as this committee, but since members of this committee may want to run for office, members of the interim executive committee may chose to appoint a separate election committee consisting of at least three people. The election committee will solicit nominations for President and five Members of the Board at the CEPE meeting and via email after the conference. The President shall serve for three years. Members of the Board shall be elected for terms as follows: one for one year, two for two years, and two for three years. Within four months after CEPE2000, an election will take place.

6. Immediately After the Election of the President and the Board

Immediately after the election of the President and the Board, the President shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer; the Treasurer will begin collecting dues; and the Executive Committee will consider whether the Society should incorporate.

7. The Executive Committee shall appoint a subcommittee to explore the issue of institutional membership and make a recommendation as to whether the Society should have institutional members and if so, what the nature of those memberships should be.

Bylaws of the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology

Article 1. Name and Objectives

Section 1. The name of this society shall be the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology. The acronym will be INSEIT, pronounced “insight.”

Section 2. The Society will be devoted to promoting and facilitating scholarship, education, discussion and debate, and other activities (deemed valuable by its members) on the ethical issues in and surrounding information technology. The Society will be distinctively devoted to normative issues and will address ethical issues in and surrounding: The design and development of IT; The use and deployment of IT; Distribution of IT; Impacts and implications of IT; and The social and political institutions arising around IT.

Section 3. The Society will be a not-for-profit, tax exempt organization.

Article 2. Membership and Dues

Section 1. The membership of the Society shall be open to all of those individuals interested in ethics and information technology.

Section 2. There will be four types of members: Founding Members, Regular Members, Student Members, Honorary Members, and Gratis Members.

Founding Members are those individuals whom have been involved in the founding of the Society and are listed at the end of this document. No special privileges will be given to these members.

Regular members are all members who have paid dues within the last twelve months.

Student members are members who are enrolled in programs at an accredited university and have paid dues within the last twelve months.

Honorary members are members who are been elected by the membership of the Society to lifetime membership in honor of their contribution to the field.

Gratis membership will be granted to individuals who have petitioned the Society for a waiver of membership fees and have received approval from a majority of the Executive Committee of the Society.

Section 3. Annual dues for the Society will be determined by the Executive Committee and announced to the membership. The Executive Committee will have the prerogative to revoke membership for those individuals who do not pay their annual dues for one year.

Section 4. Members who wish to resign from the society must submit their resignations in writing to the Executive Committee. Membership dues will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Section 5. Only members of the Society may vote in elections and hold office.

Article 3. Officers of the Society

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be the President, the Executive Director, and five Members of the Board. With the approval of a majority of the elected members of the Board, the President shall appoint an Executive Director for a term of five years, serving at the pleasure of the Board. The President, Executive Director, and five Members of the Board will constitute the Executive Committee of the Society.

Section 2. After the first election when officers shall be elected to varying terms of office, all officers shall be elected to three-year terms and no officer shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3. The Executive Director will coordinate the activities of the Society. The Executive Director will be responsible for membership and communication. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the budget and expenses of the Society and for making an annual report on the society's financial status to the membership.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall appoint a director or co-directors for each of the Society's conferences. At least one director shall be at the institution hosting the conference.

Article 4. Elections and Meetings

Section 1. The President and Members of the Board will be elected by the members of the Society through a mail ballot so as to protect confidentiality. Nominations will be sought through a polling of the members. Nominations may be submitted electronically or by regular mail.

Section 2. The term of office of the President and Members of the Board shall begin on October 1, though formal recognition of new officers may take place at a regular meeting of the Society.

Section 3. The Society shall meet at least once every two years and may meet in conjunction with the Computer Ethics Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE) conference or some other conference deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. Information on meetings of the Society and a preliminary agenda will be announced to the membership at least three months in advance by the President.

Section 4. For the purpose of conducting any business, a quorum of members will be needed and that quorum shall consist of those active members who are present at a regular or duly called meeting. Only members who have paid their dues will be allowed to vote at said meeting.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall appoint standing or ad hoc committees as it sees fit.

Article 5. Rules of Order

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the proceedings of the society.

Article 6. Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1. These Bylaws can be amended only by a majority vote of the active members who are voting. Any proposed changes to the Bylaws must be announced to the membership at least six weeks before the vote. Every member must be sent an appropriate ballot to his/her last known address in time to vote on the proposed changes.

Section 2. Proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the President prior to a regular meeting.

Founding Members:

Alastair Irons
Andrew Urbaczewsk
Anton H. Vedder
Antonio Marturano
Carey Heckman
Chuck Huff
Clara García Izaguirre
David H. Gleason
Diego Ricardo Torres Martínez
Deborah G. Johnson
Duncan Langford
Edward K Trezise
Eva Turner
Emma Rooksby
Frances S. Grodzinsky
Frans A.J. Birrer
Gurpreet Dhillon
Göran Collste
Helen Nissenbaum
Henry L. Cribbs
Herman Tavani
Jacques Berleur
James Moor
Jan Holmqvist
Jean-François Blanchette
John L. Fodor
John Ladd
John W. Snapper
John Weckert
Joop Coumou
Keith W. Miller
Liu Gang

Lucas Introna
Luciano Floridi
M.J. van den Hoven
Marie d'Udekem-Gevers
Martha M. Smith
Marcus Wigan
Michael J. Hyde
Murray E. Jennex
N Ben Fairweather
Penny Duquenoey
Philip Brey
Porfirio Barroso
Rafael Capurro
Raquel Caro
Richard A. Cohen
Richard Epstein
Richard S. Rosenberg
Richard A. Spinello
Richard Volkman
Robyn Brothers
Ruth E. Davis
Sanyin Siang
Simon Rogerson
Stephen Satris
Syun Tutiya
Terrell Ward Bynum
Wallace Koehler
Walter Maner
Wynship Hillier