

THE
CONTROL SYSTEMS GROUP
International Association for
Perceptual Control Theory
BYLAWS

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Article I. Name.

The name of this corporation is The ~~Control Systems Group~~ International Association for Perceptual Control Theory.

Article II. Purpose.

1. The purpose of the corporation is to encourage research into and the development of applications of models of living control systems, primarily models based on control theory, and to coordinate activities such as publishing and conferences in order to disseminate the results of such work.

The purpose of the corporation is to encourage research based on William T. Powers original perceptual control theory, its continuing development, and its use as a theory informing a wide range of applications. The corporation promotes activities such as publishing and conferences in order to disseminate the results of such work.

2. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

3. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II section 1 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4. A two-thirds vote of the membership shall be required to sell or mortgage assets of the corporation not in the regular course of business or to dissolve the corporation. Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after payment of or provision for its debts and liabilities shall, consistent with the purposes of the organization, be paid ~~over~~ to a designated member of the William T. Powers family, or if none are living, to The William T. Powers Collection archived at Northwestern University.

Article III. Members.

Section 1. Classes of membership. There are ~~two~~ three classes of membership: regular, student, and honorary.

Section 2. Qualification for membership. Members shall be those individuals who have paid annual dues. The schedule of dues is determined by majority vote at the annual meeting.

Section 3. The annual meeting shall be at a time and place determined by the executive board and duly announced by the secretary at least one month in advance. A quorum shall consist of those members participating in the meeting.

~~Section 3~~ 4. Voting rights. Each member is entitled to one vote. All members who attend the annual meeting are eligible to vote. A member may vote in person or by proxy. The following provisions apply to voting by proxy:

- A. A member may appoint a proxy to vote or otherwise act for the member by signing an appointment form, either personally or by the member's attorney-in-fact. If the member is a director, the appointment does not relieve the director's liability for acts or omissions imposed by law on directors.
- B. An appointment of a proxy is effective when received by the secretary. An appointment is valid for one month unless a different period is expressly provided in the appointment form.
- C. An appointment of a proxy is revocable by the member who made it.
- D. The death or incapacity of the member appointing a proxy does not affect the right of the corporation to accept the proxy's authority unless the secretary receives written notice of said death or incapacity before the proxy exercises the -authority granted under the appointment.
- E. Subject to any express limitation on the proxy's authority appearing on the face of the appointment form, a corporation is entitled to accept the proxy's vote or other action as of the member making the appointment.

Section 5. **Honorary membership**, with annual membership dues waived, is extended to each member of the William T. Powers family from whom the secretary receives a written letter requesting it.

Article IV. Officers.

Section 1. Enumeration of officers. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. If it is deemed necessary, one person may serve as secretary-treasurer.

Section 2. Term of office. Officers shall be nominated and elected by members at the annual meeting. The individual who is elected vice president is ~~thereby nominated~~ the

president ~~eleet~~ for the following year. Officers shall hold office until the next annual meeting. In the case of a vacancy, the other officers can appoint a replacement from among the members to serve until the next election.

Section 3. Duties of officers.

- A. The president shall be the ~~principle~~-principal executive officer, and have general supervision, direction, and control of the business of the organization.
- B. The vice-president shall perform such duties as are assigned by the president, and act as president if the latter is unable to act.
- C. The secretary-~~treasurer~~ shall keep minutes of meetings, see that notices are properly given of meetings and elections, and maintain the records of the organization.
- D. The treasurer shall, maintain adequate books, have charge and custody of funds, and be responsible for receipts and disbursements and the timely filing of all required state and federal forms.
- E. ~~A majority of officers constitutes a quorum.~~

Article V. The Executive Board.

Section 1. **Membership.** The executive board of directors shall consist of the officers of the organization.

Section 2. **Powers.** The board shall conduct the affairs of the organization, subject to the approval of the members expressed through annual elections.

Section 3. **Meetings.** The board may hold an annual meeting immediately after and in the same place as the annual meeting of members. Other meetings of the board may take place as needed by resolution of the board. Participation in such meetings may be by any means enabling all participants to communicate simultaneously with each other, such as by conference telephone or computer network. All meetings are open to all members of the organization.

Section 4. **Quorum.** A majority of officers shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the executive board.

Article VI. Amendments.

These bylaws may be amended when necessary by two-thirds majority of the executive board. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary to be sent out with regular board announcements.

Certification. These bylaws, as amended, were approved by the executive board on <date>.