

ICS Meeting Minutes  
Annapolis, Jan 2005

1. Opening

Meeting begun at 6:00pm

2. Approval of Minutes

Motioned Matt Saltzman. Second Jeff Arthur.

3. New Orleans 2005

John Chinneck asks for volunteers.

4. ICS Conference 2007

- Discussion of where.
- Bruce Golden offers to meet with next organizers to pass along email lists and lessons learned from ICS2005.
- Need answer in the next month. Note: Annapolis meeting started planning two years in advance.

5. Amendments to ICS Bylaws

See statement of proposed amendment below.

Moved: Joe Cregan. Second: Hemant Bhargava. Carried Unanimously

**6. Best Student Paper/Dissertation Award**

Proposed by Ariela Sofer for \$250.

Healthy discussion ensued. Many opinions were aired. It was noted that other subdivisions have such awards and we should see what they do. Other issues included dissertation vs. paper; should M.S. students be allowed, etc.

7. New Business - none

8. Closing – 6:39 PM.

## Motion for Amendments to ICS Bylaws

### Be it resolved that

- i. The first sentence of Article IV Section 2 (Terms of Office) be changed from  
“All terms begin at the conclusion of the fall ICS Business meeting.”  
to  
“All terms begin at the start of the calendar year following the election.”
- ii. The last two sentences of Article IV Section 4 (voting) be changed from  
“Ties in any of these elections are broken by a vote taken at the spring ICS Business Meeting. The election process must be completed before this meeting takes place.”  
to  
“The election process must be completed within 6 weeks following the Fall Business Meeting. Ties in any of these elections are broken by a run-off vote to be completed within 6 weeks of these elections.”
- iii. Note 1 of Article 4 be deleted.

### Note:

The existing ICS Bylaws can be found at  
[http://mason.gmu.edu/~asofer/ics/bylaws\\_frame.html](http://mason.gmu.edu/~asofer/ics/bylaws_frame.html)

### Rationale for Amendments

Section 3 of Article IV (Nominations) stipulates that "...The Chair shall also take nominations from the floor during the ICS fall Business Meeting..." Section 5 of Article IV (Election Process) stipulates that "Ballots shall be issued by one of the following media: a) letter mail ballot; b) electronic mail; c) a combination of letter mail and electronic mail ballots." Combined, these stipulations imply that the balloting cannot be completed by the conclusion of the fall ICS Business meeting, and hence terms of elected officers cannot begin at that time.

In addition the existing mechanism for breaking ties by a vote at the spring ICS Business Meeting is not practical since the Society no longer holds Business Meetings **each** spring.

The proposed amendments (i) and (ii) guarantee that balloting will occur in a timely fashion after the Fall Business meeting, and provides a more practical timetable for the assumption of term by newly elected officers. The amendment also proposes a valid mechanism for breaking ties in elections.

Note 1 gives provisions for the Terms of Office for the years 2000 and 2001. These are no longer relevant hence the Note may be deleted as proposed in (iii)