

Changes to SIGMOD Bylaws/Notification to Members

Dear SIGMOD member -

Recently several proposed changes to the SIGMOD bylaws were approved by the ACM SIG Governing Board Executive Committee. Under recently approved procedural changes by the SGB, certain minor changes in bylaws can be approved by the SGB EC and sent on to the ACM Executive committee for approval without a formal vote of the membership.

However, SIGMOD members have 30 days to register any objections. If at least 3% of SIGMOD members object, then the bylaws changes must be voted on by the entire membership.

Any challenges may be sent to Donna Cappo, Director of SIG Services at: cappo@hq.acm.org and must be received by: July 16, 2014.

Summary of changes:

These updates are related to the changes in SIGMOD's publications, because the Anthology and DiSC (in its original form) are no longer produced and are replaced by an online collection (still called DiSC for branding) within the ACM DL. The very last change is simply for purposes of syntax.

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Article 2 (i-iii)
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Current language
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- i. Collecting and disseminating information in the specialty, through a newsletter (SIGMOD Record), a Web portal (SIGMOD Online), SIGMOD Digital Library (Anthology and Digital Symposium Collection), and other publications approved by the Publications Board of the ACM;
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Article 8
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Current language
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- a. SIGMOD develops and maintains a digital library covering important database publications (journals, proceedings of conferences, symposia and workshops, books and other publications).
- b. The SIGMOD Digital Library is available on SIGMOD Online, is distributed on electronic media such as CD or DVD and is made available to members.
- c. The SIGMOD Digital Library consists of two collections: (i) SIGMOD Anthology, which is produced as necessary and includes new additions to the library, and (ii) SIGMOD Digital Symposium (DiSC), which is produced annually and includes annual updates to the Anthology.
- d. With the advice of the officers, the Chair appoints editors of SIGMOD Anthology and SIGMOD DiSC, both of whom are members of the SIGMOD Executive Committee.

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- a. SIGMOD develops and maintains the SIGMOD Digital Symposium Collection (DiSC), a digital library covering important database publications (journals, proceedings of conferences, symposia and workshops, books and other publications).
- b. The SIGMOD Digital Library is accessible through the ACM Digital Library and is made available to members.

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Article 9
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Current language
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- a. The SIGMOD Executive Committee comprises the officers, the Editor of the SIGMOD newsletter, the Chair of the Advisory Board, the Editor of SIGMOD Anthology, the Editor of SIGMOD Digital Symposium Collection (DiSC), the Information Director, SIGMOD Conference Coordinator, and Chair of PODS Executive Committee. No person may hold two positions on the Executive Committee.
- b. The general duties of the Executive Committee is to advise the Chair on all matters of interest to the SIGMOD. Specific duties or responsibilities may be specified in these Bylaws or assigned by the Chair. The Executive Committee must approve all the major management policy decisions of the Group.
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Article 14 (a)

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Rationale

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This is simply a linguistic change.

Current SIGMOD bylaws can be viewed at:

http://www.acm.org/sigs/bylaws-contents/mod_bylaws/