



## IEEE Power Engineering Society

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TO: Members of the IEEE Power Engineering Society

SUBJECT: Ballot for approval of the Society name change and other Constitutional revisions

It is an exciting time to be a member of the PES! We currently provide technical leadership and guidance for areas of significant societal concern -- the dynamic power and energy industries, an energy-intensive global economy and a "green-conscious" society. As a result, we are poised for worldwide membership growth and expanded services.

During 2007, the PES Governing Board used extensive input from the PES Long Range Planning Committee to evaluate our vision and goals for the Society, both current and future. Employing results from these discussions and feedback from a comprehensive membership survey, a name change for PES from the IEEE POWER ENGINEERING SOCIETY to the IEEE POWER & ENERGY SOCIETY is proposed. When adopted, this proposed name change will:

- better reflect our existing mission, scope, and field of interest
- maintain the IEEE PES acronym, expanding PES identity, while sustaining links to our proud history
- provide a framework for embracing emerging technologies

Incorporating the proposed name change, the changes to the PES Governing Board, and conforming to modified IEEE guidelines for the Society Constitution and Bylaws, the proposed PES Constitution and Bylaws have been completed. A printed copy was packaged with your January/February issue of *Power & Energy Magazine*. Electronic versions are available at: [www.ieee.org/go/pes-gov-docs](http://www.ieee.org/go/pes-gov-docs).

Please note we have modified the ballot from the example published in the document that accompanied *Power & Energy Magazine* based on membership feedback requesting separation of the name change from other Constitutional amendments. The proposed Constitution has been published anticipating the Society name change. However, the outcome of the name change vote will determine the Society name used in the Constitution. For example, in the event that the Society name change is not approved and the Constitution changes are approved, all references to the Society name will revert back to "IEEE Power Engineering Society" in the otherwise new Constitution.

If you need assistance with the PES voting process, please contact Intelliscan, PES's election services provider at [pnentwig@intelliscaninc.com](mailto:pnentwig@intelliscaninc.com) or call +1 (610) 935-6172.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cheryl A. Warren'.

Cheryl A. Warren  
Secretary, IEEE PES 2008-09  
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**BALLOT QUESTIONS (For your review only. This is not your official ballot.)**

Please choose "Yes" or "No" for each of the following two questions before returning your ballot.

1. I approve the name change from IEEE POWER ENGINEERING SOCIETY to IEEE POWER & ENERGY SOCIETY.

- Yes
- No

2. I approve the proposed IEEE PES Constitutional amendments, subject to either approval of the name change above or retention of the name, IEEE POWER ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

- Yes
- No

## **An Explanation of the Changes being Proposed to the PES Constitution, Including the Society Name Change**

In 2007 PES members, selected non-members and students were surveyed, with the survey including a question related to a society name change to *IEEE Power & Energy Society*. The survey results indicated that the new name improves the external image making it more attractive for new members and it:

- Better reflects the existing mission, scope, and field of interest
- Is more relevant to current interests and global needs
- Aligns with the *Power & Energy Magazine* title
- Positions the society for interaction and external collaboration
- Provides a framework for embracing emerging technologies
- Maintains the IEEE PES acronym and brand identity
- Appeals to “societal” interest of potential members

Additionally, new trends related to increased public interest and awareness of energy topics, aging workforce in the power industry, and recruitment of young professionals to the field are critical for the survival of our industry and the PES.

After considering the above trends, survey findings and membership feedback, and after discussions of the name change at various Technical Committee meetings throughout the year, the IEEE PES Governing Board approved the name change in June as part of a re-branding effort. Subsequently, the name change was approved by the IEEE Technical Activities Board and the IEEE Board of Directors in November. The Governing Board feels that we are ideally positioned to provide technical leadership for the power and energy industry that is relevant throughout the world and we forward this name change to the PES membership for your support and approval.

### Document Changes

The last complete review and revision of the PES Constitution and Bylaws occurred in June of 1997. During the last ten years, we have made only small changes to these documents. In 2006, the IEEE developed a list of Must-Have elements to ensure more consistent Constitutions and Bylaws within its Councils and Societies. Combining this factor with the name change proposal, the PES Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Governing Board undertook a comprehensive review and revision of both documents. The revised Constitution has been approved by the PES Governing Board, as have the modified Bylaws. According to our Constitution, any changes to the Constitution must also be approved by vote of eligible PES members.

The revised Constitution with the changes marked (deletions are crossed-out, additions are underlined) is included with this mailing. As part of the revision, we integrated the name change into the new document. For reference, the PES web site contains the current Constitution and Bylaws and the proposed revised Constitution with the changes incorporated [www.ieee.org/go/pes-gov-docs](http://www.ieee.org/go/pes-gov-docs).

The list below provides a summary of the major changes proposed to the PES Constitution.

1. Name change
2. IEEE Must Have changes
  - a. Clarification of terminology to differentiate PES Executive Director from IEEE Executive Director (Preamble)
  - b. Removal of proxy voting for Governing Board members (Article XI, Sec. 5)
3. Update board membership section to allow flexibility (in Preamble; specifics are now in the Bylaws)
4. Adding reduced registration for PES members (Article IV, Section 3)
5. Update of Technical Activities (Article VII) and Education (Article IX) articles to put overview in Constitution and more details in Bylaws.
6. Inclusion of electronic communications as a means for distributing information and voting. (Article V, Sec. 1.6, Article XI, Sec. 2 and Sec 4; Article XII, Sec. 1)
7. Inclusion of Members-at-Large qualifications and overview responsibilities (Article V, Sec. 8.0 and 8.1)
8. Editing to have consistent terminology and capitalization