Proposal to Amend Bylaws

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**Current Language:**
Candidates for collegiate director must:
1. Be or have been a collegiate member of the Society in good standing within two years immediately previous to submission of the nomination;
2. Be a member of the Society in good standing; and
3. Have at least two years experience in the aggregate in at least two SWE positions with significant leadership responsibility.

**Proposed Changes:**
Candidates for collegiate director must:
1. Be or have been a collegiate member of the Society in good standing within two years immediately previous to submission of the nomination;
2. Be a member of the Society in good standing; and
3. **Have at the time of taking office, have** at least two years of experience in the aggregate in at least two different SWE positions with significant leadership responsibility, provided that at least one year must be in a collegiate role.

**If Adopted:**
Candidates for collegiate director must:
1. Be or have been a collegiate member of the Society in good standing within two years immediately previous to submission of the nomination;
2. Be a member of the Society in good standing; and
3. At the time of taking office, have at least two years of experience in the aggregate in at least two different SWE positions with significant leadership responsibility, provided that at least one year must be in a collegiate role.

**Rationale:**
With the approval of recent amendments, the collegiate director eligibility requirements no longer allow a leadership position the candidate is serving in at the time of nomination to count towards her experience requirements. This change would allow the applicants to be currently completing one of their required positions. It would also maintain the requirement that one of the two significant leadership roles be one year of experience in a position of significant SWE collegiate responsibility, and that this be in two different leadership positions.

**Pro:**
Requires that the collegiate director has or currently are experiencing a collegiate leadership role, ensuring that they are in touch with the collegiate interests and concerns. States the applicants can be currently completing their required leadership positions allowing for more potential leaders to apply.

**Con:**
Members that have not held a collegiate leadership role will not be able to apply potentially limiting the pool of applicants.

**Bylaws committee comments:**
A consequence of adding "at the time of taking office" is that a candidate could have up to five months less experience than currently required.