

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of proposed CIDER Bylaws revision January 1, 2011

Overall, language has been simplified and clarified, and the text has been reorganized.

In particular:

- Articles making up the document have been rearranged into more logical order and renumbered.
 - Language and grammar have been edited for clarity.
 - The official name of the organization has been modernized and simplified (no periods) and an official domain name has been declared.
 - Mention of a newsletter has been eliminated; communication with the membership by e-mail and postings on the organization's website has been declared to be adequate notification to the membership for all formal organizational purposes.
 - The purpose of the club has been broadened to encompass promotion of "electronic sharing of information" in addition to just "use of computers".
 - Categories of membership within the organization have been redefined:
 - ~ The idea of an "institutional membership" has been eliminated.
 - ~ A new category of "joint membership" has been provided for.
 - Directions regarding conduct of the Annual Business Meeting have been simplified.
 - The relationship between the Officers of the organization and the Board of Directors has been clarified.
 - Commencement and duration of the term of office associated with elected positions have been clarified.
 - Directions regarding constitution of the Nominating Committee have been simplified.
 - Requirements regarding placing the name of an individual in nomination have been restated and simplified.
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