

AGREEMENT FOR PUBLICATION AND MARKETING OF THE

IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging

AMONG THE

IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society

IEEE Signal Processing Society

IEEE Nuclear Plasma Sciences Society

IEEE Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics and Frequency Control Society

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FINANCIAL CO-SPONSORSHIP

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) Societies identified below agree to jointly publish a publication known as the Transactions on Medical Imaging (hereafter “the Publication”) and to financially support the Publication with the below stated percentage shares:

- Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society [**35%**]
- Signal Processing Society [**35%**]
- Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society [**15%**]
- Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics and Frequency Control Society [**15%**]

This collective of Societies will be hereafter referred to as the “Financial Sponsors”.

MANAGING PARTNER

Either the SPS or EMBS Financial Sponsor shall serve as the Managing Partner of the Publication on a rotating basis. The Managing Partner shall be responsible for providing the manuscript handling system for receiving, logging, filing, and delivering submitted manuscripts to associate editors and reviewers in support of the peer review process. Additionally, the Managing Partner will oversee production of the Publication, financial accounting, budget preparation, and financial reporting to IEEE.

For the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Signal Processing Society (SPS) shall serve as the Managing Partner.

The Managing Partner shall develop the budget and provide annual reports to the Financial Sponsors and the Steering Committee. These reports will include data on submissions versus publications, timeliness, page budget adherence, and other relevant metrics. The Managing Partner will coordinate all production, financial, and administrative communications with the Financial Sponsors and IEEE Technical Activities Department. To support these responsibilities, TMI will be charged an annual fee of \$10,000 for the Managing Partner's staff services.

It shall be the responsibility of the Managing Partner to:

- Develop the annual budget and monitor the overall finances of the Publication;
- Secure the approval of each year’s budget, including the subscription pricing and page counts, from each of the Financial Sponsors;
- Submit initial budget for the coming year’s subscription offerings (media formats), subscription prices, and frequency of publication (number of issues) in accordance with IEEE’s budgeting process.

STEERING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The content management of the Publication shall be vested in a Steering Committee (hereafter "Committee") composed of two voting members from each of the Financial Sponsors, a non-voting Editor-in-Chief and a non-voting Editor-elect.

The Committee shall act as Trustees for the publication and shall have administrative responsibility for the Publication, such as:

- Monitor quality and timeliness of the Publication with the assistance of the Managing Partner's Office;
- Verify the technical content of the Publication is in accordance with the established scope and areas of interest;
- Work with the EIC to establish operating policies and procedures for the Publication as well as Editorial Board structuring.
- Monitor the Publications' financial performance compared to the budget and alert the Managing Partner of discrepancies; any Committee motions of a budgetary nature that would result in an increase of more than 20% in a budgeted expense account must be reviewed and decided upon in consultation with each committee member's respective Financial Sponsor, who holds the authority to approve or reject such motions. See the Section below on Finances. Expense deviations of less than 20% can be managed by the Committee, in light of the Publication's overall financial performance.

The Committee shall review and approve all Editors, including the Editor-in-Chief, and establish operating policies and procedures for the Publication. Voting on all actions of the Committee, except as specified below, shall require a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the voting membership in attendance at a quorum, or a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the full voting membership in the case of an email ballot, and otherwise be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

The Financial Sponsors shall be responsible for appointing their respective two representatives to the Committee. The term of office of the representatives shall be two years, with the appointments staggered so that each of the participating organizations is changing some but not all of its representatives to preserve some experience to aid transitions at all times. Each of the Financial Sponsors can remove any of their respective representatives from office at their own discretion at any time by notifying the Chair of such action. Representatives may be reappointed only once, lifetime, except that a representative appointed to fill the remainder of a term with one year or less may subsequently be appointed and reappointed for two full terms.

Committee members are expected to share and consult with their Financial Sponsors on operational matters of the Committee. The Committee is responsible for providing a quarterly status report on publishing and financial matters to the President and Treasurer of each financial sponsor.

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Chair shall serve as the focus for Committee communications. The Committee shall elect its Chair from among its current voting, delegate membership and shall serve for a lifetime term of two years, non-renewable. The Chair conducts the Committee meetings and in accordance with Robert's Rules, the Chair shall vote only when their vote can affect the outcome, e.g., to break a tie. The Chair's two-year term is included in their limited Steering Committee membership term, e.g., a Committee member who served for two years can be elected as Chair for a subsequent two-year term but then may not return as a Committee member.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet in person at least once per year at a conference which is sponsored or co-sponsored by a Financial Sponsor, with the location selected by a two-thirds majority vote of the Steering Committee. The Committee is also expected to meet virtually as needed via webconference/teleconference, no less than once per year. Urgent matters may be decided by teleconference, correspondence, or e-mail, provided a diligent effort is made to contact all members of the Committee and the required fraction of the Committee approves the proposed action with regard to the matter.

Travel costs for each Committee representative shall be covered by the appointing organization. Facility expenses for the Committee meeting, as well as travel costs for the Editor-in-Chief of the Publication to attend the Committee meeting, the annual IEEE Panel of Editors, Publication Review and any other events, shall all be budgeted as an editorial expense and borne by the Publication. Therefore, these travel and meeting expenses must be planned at least a year in advance for incorporation into the Publication's annual budget and approved by the Sponsors.

Voting members are expected to attend every Committee meeting and may be considered for absentee dismissal unless there are extenuating circumstances judged by the Managing Partner. Proxy voting is not allowed. If a quorum is not obtained for an in-person meeting, that meeting will be converted to a virtual one to be held as soon as practical.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Editor-in-Chief (EiC) shall be an acknowledged leader in the field of interest of the Publication. He/she shall agree to assume the roles and responsibilities of the EiC and realize that there will be no remuneration for service to the Publication. During their time of office, the EiC shall be a member of the IEEE.

All sponsors shall solicit candidates for EiC consideration in accordance with IEEE Policy and Procedures. The EiC shall be elected for a three-year term, lifetime and non-renewable, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Committee. If an EiC should resign before the end of their term, the Committee shall elect a replacement to complete the term by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Committee. The EiC may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of the Committee.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for the overall editorial operation of the Publication, which includes the assignment of papers. It shall also be the function of the EiC to provide recommendations to the Committee for supporting editorial (e.g., editor and/or associate editor) positions, as defined by the Committee.

The EiC shall oversee the daily operations of the Publication such as:

- Interact with authors;
- Help to maintain a Reviewer Database;
- Initiate and monitor the review process to its completion;
- Select Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Board for the approval by the Committee;
- Provide input and approve the assumptions created by IEEE staff to help create the page budget, present the page budget for submission to the Committee for approval as part of

the overall budget approval process;

- Ensure that the Publication follows IEEE Policy and Procedures;
- Create the technical content of the Publication in accordance with the established scope and areas of interest;
- Execute policies as established by the Editorial Board and approved by the Committee;
- Oversee the content of the Publication website;
- Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of Committee.

An Editor-in-Chief-Elect shall be elected at least one year before the end of the term of the current Editor-in-Chief. The Editor-in-Chief-Elect will assist the EiC in carrying out administrative functions, learn the operation of the Publication, and succeed the EiC at the end of the EiC's term. There can only be one primary Editor-in-Chief, as that role has ultimate responsibility for the publication's adherence to policies and practices and final paper decisions

EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE

Editorial Assistance support with Scholar One and peer review will be provided by IEEE staff and paid from the Publication budget. Support from current Managing Editors will transition to a completely unpaid volunteer model over the first three years of this MoU. During the transition period, funding for Managing Editors will be limited to the same amount paid for Editorial Assistance support, currently estimated at \$50K for 2026. This is in conformance with 2025 advisory limits set by TAB PerCom and TAB FinCom. Managing Editor funding will decline in each subsequent year to reach zero for budget year 2029.

Funding will be separately budgeted upon Committee recommendation and Financial Sponsors' approval for other activities, such as marketing, social media, and website support. Such budgets will be created and approved according to the Finances section of this MoU.

Deputy Editors-in-Chief or Topic Editors can exist for support if the EiC and Committee so wishes. Each supporting editorial person shall be elected for three-year terms by a two-thirds vote of the Committee, and each shall be responsible for managing paper reviews specifically dealing with an assigned subject area. A supporting editorial person cannot serve more than one lifetime term.

As required, the Committee may elect Editors-at-Large or Associate-Editors-at-Large to process papers requiring special expertise. The term of office must be specified prior to election to office.

EDITORIAL BOARD

The Publication shall have an Editorial Board to ensure appropriateness and quality of submitted manuscripts to the peer review process and other day-to-day matters normally within the purview of an Editorial Board of an IEEE Journal. The Editor-In-Chief shall select, with approval by the Steering Committee, Associate Editors to form an Editorial Board as may be appropriate. Associate Editors shall have an initial term of one year, and then renewable in a term of two years based on the performance evaluation conducted by the Editorial Office. There is no limit on the number of terms that an Associate Editor can be renewed. The function of the Editorial Board shall be to review and offer guidance to the technical content of the Publication. The function of the

Editor(s) shall be to implement the policies established by the Editorial Board and approved by the Steering Committee.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Editorial selection and review shall be consistent with the policies and procedures of IEEE, including but not limited to the IEEE PSPB Operations Manual and as expressed in sections A and B below. Steering Committee members shall work within their Societies to manage these points.

- A. As a matter of principle, the Financial Sponsors shall direct the Editors of their other publications to forward suitable material to the Publication. The Committee shall develop procedures for the Financial Sponsors to (a) to request, prepare, and publish special issues of the Publication, and (b) to direct papers not within the scope of the Publication to other Financial Sponsor publications for consideration.
- B. Authors of Financial Sponsor conference, symposium, or workshop papers are encouraged to update and significantly rewrite their papers and submit them to the Publication for consideration to be published as original papers.

PUBLICATION SCOPE

The current scope of the Publication is as follows:

“TRANSACTIONS ON MEDICAL IMAGING (T-MI) encourages the submission of manuscripts on imaging of body structure, morphology and function, including cell and molecular imaging and all forms of microscopy. The journal publishes original contributions on medical imaging achieved by modalities including ultrasound, x-rays, magnetic resonance, radionuclides, microwaves, and optical methods. Contributions describing novel acquisition techniques, medical image processing and analysis, visualization and performance, pattern recognition, machine learning, and related methods are encouraged. Studies involving highly technical perspectives are most welcome. The focus of the journal is on unifying the sciences of medicine, biology, and imaging. It emphasizes the common ground where instrumentation, hardware, software, mathematics, physics, biology, and medicine interact through new analysis methods. Strong application papers that describe novel methods are particularly encouraged. Papers describing important applications based on medically adopted and/or established methods without significant innovation in methodology will be directed to other journals.”

This scope can be changed after approval by the Publication’s Steering Committee as well as each of its sponsoring partners. Formal scope change approval and implementation processes in existence within the IEEE at the time of the change consideration shall also be followed.

PUBLICATION COVER AND MARKETING MATERIALS TREATMENT

The Publication cover and website landing page of the Publication shall have a statement that the Publication is a joint publication of the Financial Sponsors. The Publication Information page shall also carry the logos of both the IEEE and the Financial Sponsors. In addition, all marketing information solely focused on the Publication shall also have a statement that the Publication is a joint publication of Financial Sponsors.

All financial and technical sponsors are required to advertise the Publication quarterly to their

membership, distribute any call for papers for Special issues or Sections of the Periodical, and provide weblinks from their Society publication website to the T-MI website. This shall be monitored and assured by the Steering Committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS and FULFILLMENT

All Sponsors shall offer the Publication to their Society members according to the rates established by the Steering Committee and confirmed by the participating Financial Sponsors. The Steering Committee shall also establish rates for other Society and IEEE members as well as non-member subscribers.

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

The Publication will be included in the IEEE All Society Publications Package (ASPP) and its sub-packages as well as the IEEE Electronic Library Xplore. The Publication shall not be included in any sponsoring Society's member digital library.

PRESIDENTIAL OVERSIGHT

The sponsoring Society Presidents shall meet at least once a year during the Technical Activities Board meeting series to review the progress of the Publication, and shall participate in additional meetings deemed necessary at the discretion of any of the Society Presidents. Meetings shall be arranged by the Managing Partner.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The IEEE shall own the trademark to the title of the Publication and shall be free to register such mark at IEEE's sole discretion but at the expense of the Publication, as this is part of standard practice. The IEEE shall also own the copyright to the Publication.

All authors of articles and material in the Publication shall transfer their copyright to the IEEE, except for material not subject to copyright protection or material for which the author has exercised an open access publishing option wherein copyright is retained in accordance with IEEE's open access publication process.

FINANCES

Charges to the Publication shall be in accordance with the Managing Partner's regular procedures for its publications. Additional expenses beyond the line items listed on the budget form and significant changes from budgeted expenses shall require approval by the Committee and the Financial Sponsors' Presidents. If a line item expense account exceeds its budget by more than 20%, approval from the President of every Financial Sponsor must be obtained before any decision which deviates significantly from plan/budget is made (e.g., over-publishing the budgeted page count, exceeding budgeted support costs, exceeding travel and meeting costs).

The Managing Partner in consultation with other Financial Sponsors shall plan the Publication's operation and develop a budget which encompasses, at least, the following factors:

- The budget shall be constructed so that the operation in any year shall yield a positive surplus;

- The budget shall include a 5-10% contingency factor;
- The budget must be approved by each of the Presidents from the Financial Sponsors. Each Financial Sponsor's share of the budgeted net shortfall or profit will be known to the Financial Sponsors' Presidents, and the Presidents should be reminded that deviations from that budgeted level will impact them (either favorably or negatively) when the year-end value of the Publication's financial account is returned to the Financial Sponsors in proportion to their ownership percentage;
- IEEE practices and author fees for Open Access and licensing shall be obeyed. Billing for article processing charges and/or other page charges will be handled by IEEE.

AGREEMENTS & DURATIONS

The term of this agreement shall begin January 1, 2026 and continue through December 31, 2030 unless terminated in accordance with this agreement prior. A Financial Sponsor may withdraw from Financial Sponsorship upon written one-year notification to all other Financial Sponsors' President, Vice President of Publications, and Executive Director (staff, if the position exists), as well as Technical Activities staff (via Publication@ieee.org). A Financial Sponsor's withdrawal from the agreement would also be prompted if it ceases existence, although as much forewarning as possible should be given to other Financial Sponsors to enable development of a transition plan. In the case of a Partner withdrawal for any reason, that Partner's financial share will be redistributed among the remaining Financial Sponsors in proportion to their current shares.

Formalization of the MoU requires signature by the Presidents of the Financial Sponsors, and communicated to the Publication's Committee, the Executive Directors of each Financial Sponsor (if the staff position exists), and Technical Activities staff (via Publication@ieee.org).

All modifications to this agreement during its active term must be approved by the Administrative Committees of all of the Financial Sponsors. All modifications to this agreement must be in writing, similar to the signature process of a full MoU setting/renewal.

Upon termination of this agreement or the termination of the Publication, the Financial Sponsors agree to the following terms:

- A. The Publication shall cease publication at the end of the next calendar year, or earlier, as mutually agreed to by all Financial Sponsors. This will allow for planning and communication surrounding how to most effectively transition operations keeping in mind the need for communication and coordination with involved entities, authors, readers, and subscribers.
- B. In the case of a requested withdrawal from Financial Sponsorship, the partnership end's effective date shall be at the end of a publication year, mutually agreed by all Financial Sponsors. This will allow for planning and communication to effectively transition operations, keeping in mind the need for communication and coordination with involved entities, authors, readers, and subscribers.
- C. IEEE shall retain all intellectual property rights granted to it under this agreement.
- D. The year-end finances will be netted out to zero as described in the Finances section.

- E. All indications of joint sponsorship with Partners shall be removed from all future issues of the Publication.
- F. Those papers accepted for the Publication or under review and subsequently accepted shall remain committed to Publication.


OUTREACH FOR COMMUNICATIONS


Financially sponsoring Societies and Councils shall arrange periodic outreaches to their members or community participants for purposes of Publication subscription and author awareness. IEEE member and subscriber lists are not shared with third party partners, but arrangements can be made to send necessary outreaches for calls for papers or other such communications. These lists must be handled according to IEEE privacy law compliance procedures.

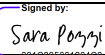
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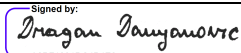
New partners, either financial or technical, can request to participate in the Publication. Upon receipt of request to participate, the Committee will review the request and may recommend the addition of a new partner for unanimous approval of the Presidents of the current Financial Sponsors. There may be a cost to a new financial partner for joining to offset past investments by the other financial partners. New financial or technical sponsors will begin their partnership of the Publications at the next available MoU renewal.

AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FINANCIAL PARTNERS

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