Policy to use the CIS-TC e-mail exploder

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All Technical Committees (TC) of the IEEE Communications Society are strongly encouraged to maintain an "official" (comsoc.org) exploder. The purpose of the exploder is to maintain contact with TC members relative to committee activities and to keep the committee membership informed of activities of interest to committee members. One should keep in mind that internet exploders maintained by the IEEE Communications Society exist to promote the activities of the Communications Society and to provide a service to the technical committees.

All committee members are, by default, subscribers to the exploder. Committee members have the option to "unsubscribe". Persons who are not members of the TC may be added to the exploder list upon the approval of the committee chair.

Any member of the exploder list can post, but if they violate the guidelines they may be denied further posting privileges at the discretion of the TC chair or VP-TA.

The committee chairperson has the responsibility to supervise exploder content in order to insure that the "content restrictions" (see below) are satisfied. If they are not, those violating these guidelines may be denied further posting privileges at the discretion of the TC Chair or VP-Technical Activities.

Note: Technical committees may, if desired, have both an "official" and an "unofficial" e-mail exploder. The unofficial email exploder is not maintained by the IEEE Communications Society and, therefore, must be associated with, and maintained by, a non-IEEE server.

The following are not permitted on an official ComSoc server:
- any item that reflects negatively on the reputation, character, professional ability or technical competence of anyone;
- any item of a sexually explicit nature;
- any item that disparages or demeans another's ethnicity, religion, culture, or sexual orientation;
- any item that misrepresents one's position in the Communications Society or in any other professional organization;
- any item that promotes or serves as a marketing vehicle for materials in which the a TC committee member has a personal, financial, or business interest. This includes
- books, conferences and short courses in which the Communications Society does not have an interest. (Items for the general good such as announcements of faculty openings, fellowships, student grants, etc., may be posted.)

- any item that advances the candidacy of an individual for an elected office in the IEEE (including ComSoc); this conforms to existing IEEE policy.
- any item that uses one's position as a volunteer in ComSoc for personal gain;
- any item that announces or encourages participation in a venue that is clearly in conflict with any initiative of the IEEE Communications Society. (This includes calls-for-papers for competing publications or announcements for competing conferences. Since the Communications Society co-sponsors a number of publications and events, it may be well to seek the advice of the appropriate ComSoc officer for further insight when preparing items of this type.)

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