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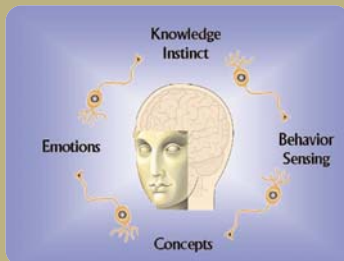
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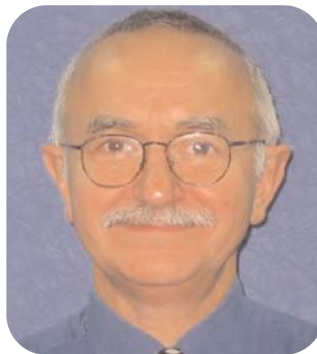
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### NNS Constitution and Bylaws Changed, and Call for Nominations to NNS (CIS) ADCOM

This message is to share with you a much welcome news: By casting 14 email votes in favor (with no abstentions and no votes against), the Neural Network Society Administrative Committee (ADCOM) approved in early April the modification of the NNS Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the Society's name change to that of the "Computational Intelligence Society."

For the change to become official it needs to be approved by the Board of Directors which is expected to meet on June 20, 2004. Effective immediately upon approval, only the new name of the Society will be featured in our promotional flyers, on the periodicals' front covers, and in the renewal materials.

Another important announcement concerns our members' participation in the Society's self-governance. As most of you know, our Society elects every year five new members of its governing body, the ADCOM. This year's election to the ADCOM will again be held in September



and ballots will be distributed to all NNS members by mail.

The ballots will include names of candidates put forward by the NNS Nomination Committee. However, your name can also be added after a petition with 15 supporting signatures of NNS members is submitted to the President by August 1 this year. The petitions can be best submitted via fax to my office at +1-502-852-3940. All eligible candidates will then be requested to provide their brief bio and position statements. I strongly encourage you to file a petition in support of worthy candidates, including yourself, and to vote in the elections.

It's certainly our hope that this NNS Newsletter provides you with a wealth of information. Among many news we share with you, there are some very welcome indeed. I am therefore especially pleased to inform you about our volunteers' worthwhile initiatives that make the Society a good home for many.

Thanks to Vincenzo Piuri's (Vice President-Membership) efforts we now have a new Senior Member Nominations Subcommittee that he is chairing. It is a welcome development that will assist in retaining and rewarding our eligible membership base effective immediately. In another development, thanks to John Weng's (Chair-Autonomous Mental Development Technical Committee) efforts who was awarded the TC Grant, we now have a new publication titled "AMD Newsletter". Congratulations to Vincenzo and John for their timely efforts, and thanks for their time and dedication to NNS (soon to be CIS).

As you can see from this note, our Society offers all its members opportunities to get involved, active and to participate at the technical level or in our self-governance. We need your support, time and talent. Thank you for your participation in the Society's activities.

**President's Message**  
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