

Australian Computer Society
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Questions to the Membership – Round 1

The accompanying Consultation Document provides information
to assist in members' consideration of each of the questions below.

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- Q1: Should the ACS continue to be a professional society? (Consultation Document, p.1)
- Q2: Is 'ICT' still a suitable summation of the ACS's scope? Should the breadth of coverage be clarified by including some examples of technologies within ICT? (p.2)
- Q3: Are any of the terms and expressions in the suggested Mission and Purposes misleading or dated? Should any alternative or additional terms or expressions be considered? (p.2)
- Q4: Does the ACS need to re-establish threshold requirements for the Associate grade, and pathways and support processes to assist current Associates to satisfy them? (p.3)
- Q5: Should the ACS embrace managers and users of ICT, subject to defined thresholds of professionalism, as being within the scope of the Society's professional membership? (p.3)
- Q6: Should the ACS devise a risk-managed way to host industry associations in order to avoid harm to the professional society and relevant industry associations, or should the Society devise an organisational structure that avoids tensions between their distinct objectives, stakeholders and value-sets? (pp.3-4)
- Q7: Are any functions of the ACS missing, under-emphasised, or over-emphasised? (pp.4,9)
- Q8: Is substantial, direct support for innovation, for example through the ACS Labs Division, a key function of the ACS? (pp.4-5,9)
If so, to what level should the Society support the activity from its available surplus?
- Q9: How should the ACS ensure its business-lines are consistent with the Society's values? (Principle 2)
- Q10: How should the ACS allocate available surplus? (P2)
- Q11: Should ACS Branches continue to have primary responsibility for activities within their geographical area, and powers and resources to enable them to perform those activities? (P3, P9)
- Q12: Should the ACS have the constitutional capability to operate as an umbrella organisation or hub, which fosters and administers specialist associations? (P4)
- Q13: Should any professional ACS member be able to nominate as an ACS Director, or should ACS anticipate future legal requirements and require relevant qualifications, or evidence of prior expertise and experience in the work of association or corporate Boards? (P5)
- Q14: What member involvement is appropriate for the creation and amendment of key policies that define the ACS's internal structures, processes, norms and priorities? (P9)