

Bylaws of Collective Intelligence Perspectives

Issued by the Society for Managerial and Social Cybernetics (GWS e.V.)

§1 – Purpose and Governance Framework

(1) The journal *Collective Intelligence Perspectives* (CIP) is a scholarly publication governed by the Society for Managerial and Social Cybernetics (GWS e.V.).

(2) The journal operates in alignment with the aims of GWS, promoting transdisciplinary systems thinking, cybernetics, and collective intelligence.

(3) These bylaws regulate the editorial governance, appointment processes, and decision-making rules within CIP.

§2 – Governing Bodies

(1) The **Board of Directors of GWS** (GWS Board) acts as the legal and strategic authority of the journal. It:

- Confirms the appointment of the Editor-in-Chief (EiC)
- Approves changes to the journal's governance structure or policy
- Oversees alignment with the society's mission, legal obligations, and statutes
- Holds final authority in dispute resolution

(2) The **Senior Editorial Board (SEB)** is responsible for the journal's strategic and thematic direction. It:

- Consists of at least three members
- Includes as founding members the current Board of Directors of GWS e.V.
- Elects the Editor-in-Chief (EiC) by simple majority of its present members
- Elects new SEB members from the Editorial Board by a two-thirds majority of its present members
- Proposes changes to editorial policy, structure, or rules (subject to GWS Board approval)
- Decides on the journal's publication model, including publication frequency, editorial cycles (volumes), and issue structuring

(3) The **Editorial Board** supports the SEB in scholarly, peer review, and outreach activities. Membership is proposed by the SEB and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the SEB.

§3 – Decision-Making Procedures

(1) SEB meetings must be announced at least one week in advance. Any duly announced meeting may take decisions regardless of the number of members present.

(2) Voting thresholds:

- A simple majority refers to more than 50% of the members present in a meeting
- A two-thirds majority refers to at least two-thirds of the members present in a meeting

(3) Voting may be conducted in person, virtually, or asynchronously, provided all relevant parties have access and equal opportunity to participate.

(4) The quorum requirement is waived for duly announced meetings; decisions are valid based on the voting thresholds relative to the number of attending members.

§4 – Roles and Elections

(1) The **Editor-in-Chief (EiC)**:

- Leads the operational and editorial workflow of the journal
- Serves as the primary point of contact for authors, reviewers, and editorial staff
- Is elected by the SEB (simple majority) and confirmed by the GWS Board
- May be re-elected or replaced at the discretion of the SEB, subject to confirmation by the GWS Board

(2) **Senior Editors**:

- Are members of the SEB
- May hold specific portfolio responsibilities (e.g., peer review policy, special issues)
- Are elected by the SEB from the Editorial Board

(3) The **Managing Editor**:

- Is a permanent role within the editorial structure
- Coordinates day-to-day editorial operations and communication among authors, reviewers, and editors
- Oversees the submission process and ensures compliance with journal policies
- Is appointed by the SEB and operates under the supervision of the Editor-in-Chief

§5 - Terms, Reappointment, and Removal

Re-election of the Editor-in-Chief (EiC)

(1) The term of the Editor-in-Chief is 3 years and is renewable. Reappointment is subject to a vote of the SEB by simple majority and confirmation by the Board of Directors of GWS.

(2) An interim review of the EiC's performance may be requested by at least one-third of the SEB members. If justified, the SEB may initiate a re-election process at any time, with a majority vote and GWS Board confirmation.

Removal or Replacement of SEB Members

(3) SEB members are expected to actively participate in meetings and contribute to strategic direction.

(4) If an SEB member is absent from three consecutive meetings without valid justification or demonstrates sustained non-participation, the SEB may vote for removal by two-thirds majority of its present members.

(5) Removed members may reapply after one year with support from an active Editorial Board member.

Removal or Rotation of Editorial Board Members

(6) Editorial Board members serve at the invitation of the SEB. Members who do not contribute to peer review or editorial activity for two consecutive years may be removed by SEB decision (simple majority).

(7) Editorial Board appointments may be periodically reviewed by the SEB to ensure alignment with the journal's current priorities and activity levels.

§6 – Conflict Resolution

(1) Disputes concerning editorial decisions, conduct, or governance are addressed internally by the SEB.

(2) If unresolved, the matter is escalated to the GWS Board, which holds final authority and rules by simple majority.

(3) The Editor-in-Chief holds the final decision-making authority within the peer review process. If the Editor-in-Chief is directly involved in a dispute, the matter may be escalated to the GWS Senior Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB, appointed by the Board of Directors of GWS and composed of at least three members of the Society, rules by simple majority. Its decision is final and binding.

§7 – Amendments to Bylaws

(1) Amendments to these bylaws require:

- A two-thirds vote of the SEB members present
- Formal approval by the Board of Directors of GWS

(2) Once approved, a revised version of the bylaws document will be issued, replacing any prior version. The updated version must be dated and published on the journal website.

§8 – Validity

These bylaws enter into force upon approval by the Board of Directors of GWS and remain valid until amended or revoked.

§9 – Transparency and Reporting

The SEB provides an annual report to the Board of Directors of GWS, summarizing editorial activities, publication statistics, peer review practices, and strategic developments.

§10 – Archiving and Continuity

The journal shall maintain secure digital archiving practices and collaborate with established preservation networks (e.g., DOAJ, PKP Preservation Network) to ensure long-term accessibility and continuity of published content.

Adopted and in effect as of April 16, 2025.

Contact details

CI Perspectives

c/o Gesellschaft für Wirtschafts- und Sozialkybernetik (GWS) e.V.

Hermann-Kurz-Str. 17

70192 Stuttgart

Germany

E-Mail: office@ci-perspectives.org

Website CIP: <https://ci-perspectives.org/>

Website GWS: <https://gws-kybernetik.org/>