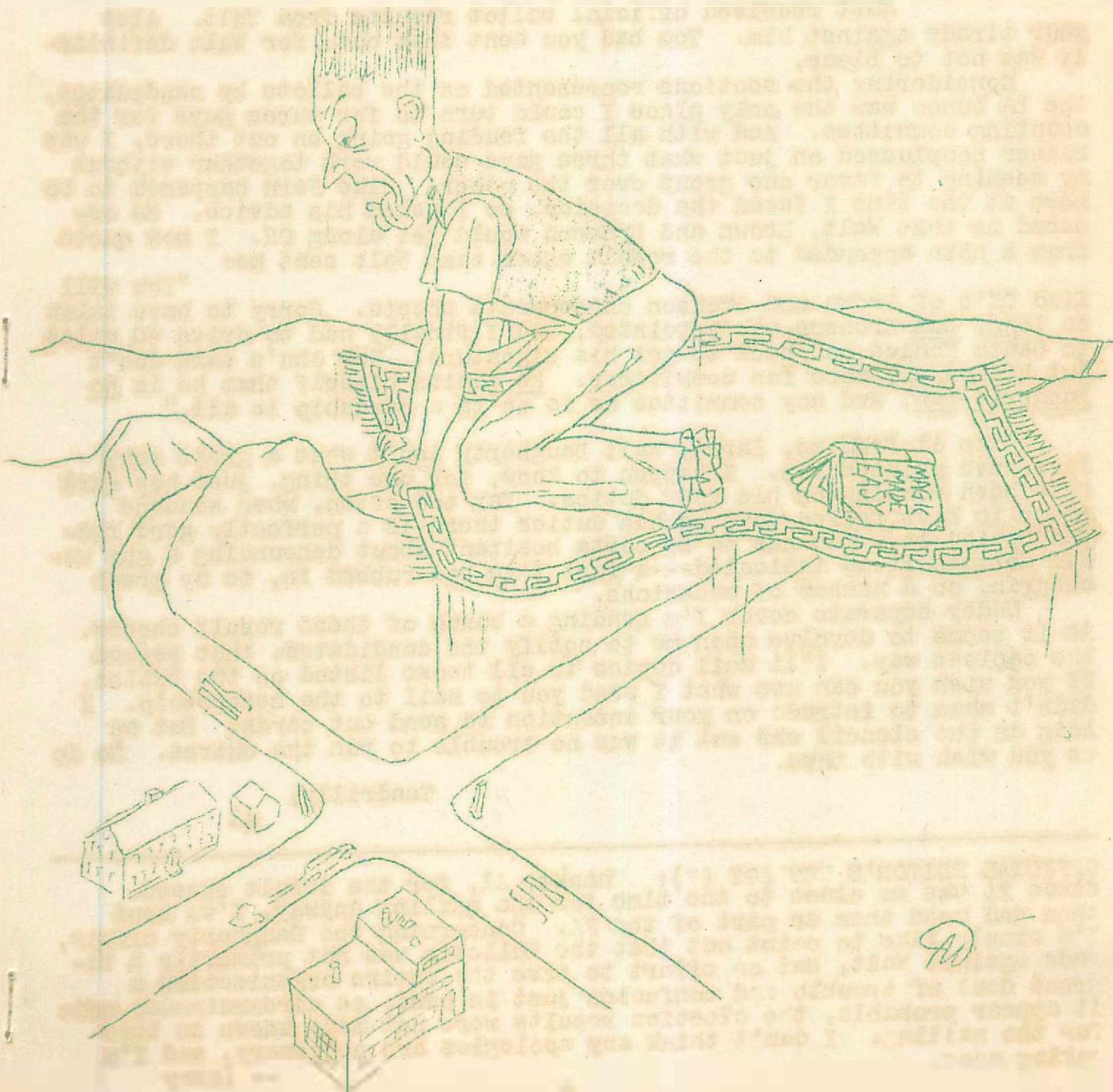


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AL ASHLEY'S MESSAGE

7 August 1944

Dear Larry:

Just received official ballot results from Walt. Also your tirade against him. Too bad you sent that out, for Walt definitely was not to blame.

Considering the sections represented on the ballots by candidates, the LA bunch was the only place I could turn to for three guys for the counting committee. And with all the feuding going on out there, I was rather nonplussed on just what three guys could work together without my seeming to favor one group over the other. Mike Fern happened to be here at the time I faced the decision, so I asked his advice. He assured me that Walt, Brown and Bronson would get along OK. I now quote from a note appended to the result sheet that Walt sent me:

"You will find OK's of Brown and Bronson on separate sheets. Sorry to have taken so long, but Bronson was appointed, and I finally had to drive 40 miles to Santa Monica and back to get his signature. For Ghu's sake don't put him on any more fan committees. He admits himself that he is no longer a fan, and any committee he is on is a hardship to all."

Take it from me, Larry, Walt Daugherty isn't what a great many fans have painted him. I happen to know, for one thing, just how hard he's been working on his NFFA duties. Far too often, when someone seems to have fallen down on his duties there is a perfectly good reason behind it. One has to be sorta hesitant about denouncing a guy until certain it is indicated--a fact I've had rubbed in, to my great chagrin, on a number of occasions.

Under separate cover I'm sending a bunch of these result sheets. As it seems to devolve upon me to notify the candidates, that seemed the easiest way. I'll mail copies to all those listed on the ballot. If you wish you can use what I send you to mail to the membership. I didn't mean to intrude on your intention to send out cards. But as long as the council was cut it was no trouble to run the extras. So do as you wish with them.

Tondrilly,

Al

OFFICIAL EDITOR'S MESSAGE (1): Thanks, Al, for the result sheets. Since it was so close to the time for the mailing anyway, I've kept them and used them as part of the FA. Concerning the Daugherty affair, I'd simply like to point out that the Bulletin was not primarily a tirade against Walt, but an effort to save the entire organization a great deal of trouble and confusion just in case, as circumstances made it appear probable, the election results were not made known in time for the mailing. I don't think any apologies are necessary, and I'm making none.

-- Larry

1944 FAPA ELECTION RESULTS

...as corrected by Al Ashley from the report of Walt Daugherty, Mel Brown, and Phil Bronson. Quoting from a letter by Al, dated August 18: "Incidentally, the sheets of results of the election I sent you were copied from Daugherty's report. However closer scrutiny showed discrepancies between certain sets of figures and the total vote. I rechecked the count and found the errors. Am enclosing corrected list for your info." The mimeed sheets*, then, will not be used as stated on the bottom of page two. The correct results follow:

PRESIDENT:		VICE PRESIDENT:	
Lowndes.....	22	Ashley.....	15
Chauvenet.....	14	Stanley.....	13
Laney.....	1	Wollheim.....	9
SECRETARY-TREASURER:		OFFICIAL EDITOR:	
Schwartz.....	22	Shaw.....	31
Tucker.....	8	Laney.....	4
Unger.....	3	Rosenblum.....	1
Swisher.....	1	Warner.....	1
Evans.....	1		
No vote.....	2	PETITION TO EXPEL DEGLER:	
AMENDMENT TO INCREASE DUES:		For.....	19
For.....	35	Against.....	14
Against.....	2	No vote.....	4
AMENDMENT TO RAISE PUBLISHING REQUIREMENTS:			
For.....		31	
Against.....		6	

* In Daugherty's report, the "No vote" count was omitted from the Sec-Treas column, and three votes for Laney for OE, 18 to expel and 13 not to expel Degler were given.

Grateful thanks are hereby extended to Pvt Art Widner Jr for his entirely unsolicited contribution of the clever drawing on the cover.

IFC. PAUL SPENCER'S MESSAGE:

No-one is more aware than I that pages 2 and 4 ((of JANUS)) are superb examples of the sort of thing that any self-respecting mimeographer chucks into the waste-basket. But I was just experimenting with the machine (at the local USO) and at the time didn't know how to remedy the situation. And it can't hurt anybody to get such things in his mailing--unless, of course, he tries to read it. To help me, my next effort, if any, will be legible clear through or will not be distributed.

MAGAZINES MAILED SEPARATELY received by your official editor since the June 1944 mailing have been: Tucker's FAPA VARIETY for June, Shaw's FAPA BULLETIN Vol 2 No 2, and Walt Daugherty's DIRECTORY OF FANDOM. A list such as this will appear in all future issues of the FA--at least, all under my editorship, and I respectfully suggest that future ones follow suit.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, profound and profuse thanks to all who voted for me. It's a matter of regret that so many members did not vote, however.

At the present time, the election returns, particularly in regard to the amendments, are somewhat confused. I'm trying to discover how many active members we had, as of July 1st 1944; as you know, only those who have fulfilled activity requirements may vote in elections. This is something which can make a difference when it comes to determining as to whether or not an amendment has passed, inasmuch as a majority of the active membership is required for the passing. Right now, we can say with certainty that the amendment to raise dues to \$1 went through; there were 35 votes registered in favor, and only 33 were necessary, assuming that all 65 were eligible. And we can state with equal certainty that the petition to suspend Deglerogers failed to pass, inasmuch as it did not even receive a majority of those returning ballots. In regard to the proposed amendment to raise publishing requirements; it either just passed, or just missed passing.

The ballot counting committee seems to have been stricken with the heat, or the person who typed the stencil on the report was asleep at the switch. 37 ballots are supposed to have been returned. Yet, consider: total votes for President 37; total votes for Vice President 37; total votes for Secretary-Treasurer 35; total votes for Official Editor 26; total vote on dues amendment 37; total votes on Degler petition 35; total votes on publishing requirements amendment 37. It's not bad enough to hold up the works for a recount, but we should get this cleared up. ((Thanks to Ashley, we already have.))

There are three proposed matters, which I confess to initiating, upon which all members are requested to vote this time. (And will the Secy-Treas. please send a list of all eligibles to the Official Editor?) The proposed Article 13 speaks for itself; on the main feature, that of barring "racist" propoganda, I think we can do our bit, as an organization, for the war aims by voting "yes" on it. There aren't many FAPA members overseas, yet we can keep faith with those who are risking their lives, partly because the vicious theories of "racism" were unchecked in certain parts of the world, by taking this stand. In regard to obscene matter; I think most, if not all of us, recognize the necessity for taking steps to insure against finding FAPA mailings suddenly impounded. There hasn't been very much of it in the past; passage of this provision won't really work a hardship on any of us. We just have to watch the four-letter words, and the "art".

On the revision of the official mailing dates; that has been suggested before. After all, ye Official Ed. is only human, and can't always get the mailing out on the dot, regardless of intentions. And, if the mailing date is early in December, delay will mix up FAPA bundles in the "mas rush". I haven't heard of any mailing being lost en route, but there's always a first time -- and this year the Post Office department's going to be more shorthanded than before. The proposed revision sets the date for the second Saturday in the month, so that ye Ed. won't have to think about the dirty work until part, at least, of the New Year's spirits have blown away. The other revisions just follow up; in regard to specific instructions if the election mailing is held up, they'll serve to cut down confusion and further delay should ye Ed.

be late -- as well as to insure that all active members shall have ample time to vote, regardless of when that mailing is sent out. Also, ballot committees have been somewhat slack in the past in getting the information as to election results to outgoing and incoming members. Now they'll have definite instructions.

The proposed revision of Article 12 retains the petition instrument, for the protection of members, as a means to get their wishes known and acted upon, but eliminates aspects of the article in its original form which could have acted unfairly to individuals who were the subject of either petitions to suspend privilege, or petitions to impeach. This gives a definite form to follow, and will allow for a square deal all around.

A new appointive post is hereby created, one which we should have thought of before. I refer to the Historical Co-ordinator. A great many members do not have all the mailings, or have easy access to them. It shall be the duty of the Historical Coordinator to act as official (advisory) information bureau to all members, or officers, on either matters constitutional, precedents, or sheerly historical data. It shall further be the Coordinator's job to collect and keep on permanent file all past documents of the organization which can be found, and to file all present and future ones. Ballot counting committees, in the future, will send the complete set of ballots to the E-C, where they will be available for reference; Proxy's, when their term of office has expired, will send him the originals of all petitions, amendments (proposed) etc. And so on down the line for all officers, elected or appointed.

Obviously, the Historical Coordinator must be one who has a complete file of FAPA mailings readily available. And the first FAPA member to fill that post will be the man who suggested it (we'll let the punishment fit the crime; after all, Dr. Guillotine was the first man executed in his invention), Don Wollheim.

I cannot agree with the suggestion that the official critic's post be eliminated -- even with ye Ed. making comments. However, in the past, some critics (and I suspect I was guilty, too) have not fulfilled their duties. It's the job of the critic to comment upon all items in the mailing; other members may or may not as they like, but the Critic performs so that every member will have at least one comment upon his or her effort, large or small.

At the Official Editor's suggestion, and the cheerful agreement of the "Put Wollheim to work" committee, plus the application of the victim himself, FAPA's co-founder is charged with the Chief Critic's post. And forbidden to squirm out of his duties with any "no comment" signs. Brother Tucker is named as Associate Critic.

Suggestion: Any member who loves to work could do a real service by issuing a FAPA Yearbook as each administration ends. This would contain a complete index of publications for the year (including a listing of the contents of each publication); a summary of all suggestions made during the year for improving FAPA; a copy of the Constitution as most recently revised; the Laureate reports, etc. Do I hear volunteers?

Oh yes, and if that isn't enough work, I could suggest a complete FAPA

index up to the year covered by the first yearbook, also containing the names of all officers and their terms, all the various stages through which the constitution has gone, and a year-by-year summary of Laureate reports.

The matter of dual memberships arises again. Inasmuch as Vice President Chauvenet ruled them illegal, the Secretary-Treasurer is hereby instructed to accept no more dual memberships. When our Honorable Vice President Ashley's dues expire, he may rejoin, but only under his own name; Brother Shaw please note in listing him. And of the team of Brown & Fern, only one may rejoin. However, circumstances being as they are, will the Sec-Treas please put the other member of the team at the head of the waiting list, if he desires membership? Thank you, suh.

Until the next mailing, then. Your President, Drygulch Doc.

Robert W. Lowndes

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, my sincere thanks for electing me Vice-President. I shall endeavor to serve faithfully, and to the best of my ability.

Second, passage of the petition to expel Degler, and the amendment to raise the publishing requirements, has been questioned. Article 12, of the Constitution states, "A majority vote of the active membership shall be necessary for the adoption of new amendments (or petitions)." On the assumption that the vote on these two items does not represent the required majority, they have been claimed to have been defeated. However, "majority vote of the active membership" is decidedly ambiguous, and capable of more than one interpretation as listed below.

(a) Must pass by a yes vote totaling more than one half the total active membership.

(b) Must pass by a plurality, except that the total number of ballots cast must exceed one half of the total active membership.

In Dec 1940, a special election was called to consider an amendment to raise the dues. The vote was 12 for and 5 against--a total of 17 votes out of a listed membership of 49. This amendment was mistakenly announced as passed, protested, and finally declared defeated by V-F Warner in view of the fact that 17 was considerably less than half the total members.

In June 1942, an amendment was offered proposing to change maintenance of a membership registry from a duty of the Official Editor to a duty of the Secretary-Treasurer. It passed 20 to 4 with 25 ballots cast and a membership listed at 48. The adoption of this amendment was never challenged. While the 20 yes votes were less than half the membership, the total vote of 25 was a majority of the active membership.

With the precedent of a previous Vice-Presidential ruling, and an unchallenged adopted amendment of two year standing, there seems no reason for not accepting above interpretation (b).

RULING: In Article 12 of the FAFA Constitution, the phrase, "A majority vote of the active membership" shall be understood to mean that the total ballots cast shall represent more than half the total active membership.

Third, it has been called to my attention that due to member Cunningham's rather incoherent and misdirected efforts to gain membership for the Cosmos Club of England, Larry Shaw, the new O E, has received a shipment of their magazine, Cosmic Cuts, for distribution through FAFA. Furthermore, a report to the effect that the Cosmos Club has been "elected to" membership is printed in this issue of the magazine.

In November 1943, Vice-President Chauvenet rendered a decision that no more joint memberships be issue, although existing ones

were to be allowed to run their course.

Article 10 of the Constitution states that "Publications sent through the Official Mailings.....shall represent to a substantial extent the work of a member of the Association."

Article 9, Section (d), of the Constitution requires that sufficient copies to cover the entire membership are a requisite to inclusion in the mailing. OE Shaw received only fifty copies of Cosmic Cuts.

Therefore, without prejudice to either the Cosmos Club or their publication, I must rule Cosmic Cuts out of inclusion in the Mailing.

I suggest that, inasmuch as the well-meaning ineptitude of member Cunningham brought about this situation, he take immediate steps to correct it. Also, I might point out that if some of the members feel that membership of the Cosmos Club would be desirable, they may submit either an amendment proposal, properly endorsed, or a petition directing the President to make an exception of the Cosmos Club, also properly endorsed.

Al Ashley, August 23, 1944

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

DUES--Kick in with a buck for the next years' dues, pronto.

ACTIVITY--Unless you are represented in this or the next mailing you will be ineligible to renew your membership.

DUES ACTIVITY--Unless you are represented in this mailing, you are now ineligible to renew. If you wish to rejoin you must satisfy the usual activity requirements and cannot be admitted until all prior applications have been acted upon. This will take roughly two years, at present.

EXPIRED--June dues unpaid. If not paid by Oct 1, your name will be dropped from the membership roll.

1. Ackerman, FJ (Sgt), HQ SCU 1959, Ft MacArthur, Calif.
2. Ashley, Al & Abby Lu, 25 Poplar, Battle Creek, Mich. DUES
3. Bridges, Lynn (Sgt) 36174546, Co "B", 326th Glider Inf., APO 333, Camp Mackall, N. C.
4. Bronson, Phil, 1710 Arizona Ave, Santa Monica, Calif.
5. Brown, Mel, c/o LASFS, 637½ S Bixel, Los Angeles 14, Calif. DUES
6. Buck, R C, G31 Adams House, Cambridge 38, Mass. DUES ACTIVITY
7. Carnell, Ted, 17 Burwash Rd, Plumstead SE 18, London, England
8. Chauvenet, LR, 510 E Union Ave, Bound Brook, N. J.
9. Chidsey, Jay, Green Springs, Ohio.
10. Connor, Edward C, c/ 929 Butler St, Peoria 6, Ill.
11. Crutch, Leslie A, Box 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. DUES
12. Cunningham, John M (Efc), 10th Base Hq & AB Sq, Chico Army Air Field, Chico, Calif. DUES
13. Daniel, Thomas R, Box 131, Hoquiam, Wash. EXPIRED
14. Daugherty, Walt, 1305 W Ingraham, Los Angeles 14, Calif.
15. Davis, H Chandler, USNR V-12, Eliot G-42, Cambridge 38, Mass. DUES
16. Edge, Barbara, Box 1390, Fairbanks, Alaska. EXPIRED
17. Evans, E E, 25 Poplar St, Battle Creek, Mich.
18. Evans, W H, 1345 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington 3, D C. DUES
19. Farsaci, L B (Pvt), 48 Lewis St, Rochester, N Y.
20. Fortier, Joe J (Pvt) 39036059, Section U, MacDill Field RTU (HB), MacDill Field, Tampa 8, Florida.
21. Freehafer, Paul (hold for VP decision)
22. Fern, C J Jr, Apt 3-C, 400 Riverside Drive, New York City 25
23. Gardner, Dr Thomas S, Route 6, Box 33, Kingsport, Tenn.

24. Honig, Harry, 256 26th Ave, San Francisco 21, Calif. DUES
25. Jenkins, Harry, 2409 Santee Ave, Columbia, S Carolina.
26. Jones, Bob, 2710 Wexford, Columbus, Ohio. EXPIRED
27. Kepner, James, 628 S Bixel St, Los Angeles 14, Calif. DUES
28. Koenig, H C, 540 E 80th St, NYC. DUES
29. Kuslan, Gertrude, 170 Washington Ave, West Haven 16, Conn.
30. Laney, Francis T, 1104 S Georgia, Los Angeles 15, Calif.
31. Liebscher, Walt, 25 Poplar, Battle Creek, Mich.
32. Lowndes, Robt W, 306 W 11th, NYC 14. DUES
33. Ludowitz, Tom, 2310 Virginia, Everett, Washington. DUES ACTIVITY
34. Martin, Edgar A, Apt 66, 235 W 75th St, NYC. DUES
35. Michel, John B, 313 W 4th St, NYC.
36. Moffatt, Leonard J, c/o Mrs Rae Moffatt, 419 Summitt Ave,
Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.
37. Morojo, Box 6475, Metro Station, Los Angeles 14, Calif.
38. Perdue, Elmer, 1218 So Cedar St, Casper, Wyo.
39. Fogo, 1122 S Georgia St, Los Angeles 15, Calif. EXPIRED
40. *de la Ree, Gerry Jr, 9 Bogert Place, Westwood, NJ*
41. Rosenblum, J Michael, 4 Grange Terrace, Chapeltown, Leeds 7, Eng.
42. Rothman, Milton A (Cpl), Co D, 840th Sig Tng Bn, Camp Kohler, Cal.
43. Rouze, Gordon K, Imperial, Nebraska. DUES
44. Russell, Sam, 1810 N Harvard Blvd, Hollywood, Calif. DUES
45. Ryder, Wm H, 8820 Ave L, Brooklyn 12, N Y. DUES
46. Saari, Oliver E, YMCA, 218 E Kearsley St, Flint, Mich. DUES
47. Searles, A Langley, 19 E 235th St, NY 66, NY. DUES
48. Schwartz, AL, 57 Nightingaol, Dorchester 24, Mess.
49. Shaw, Larry, 1301 State St, Schenectady 4, NY. DUES
50. Speer, Jack F, Civil Affaires NAEB, APO 534, NY, NY. DUES
51. Spencer, Paul (Pfc), 88 Ardmore Rd, West Hartford, Conn.
52. Stanley, Norman, 43A Broad St, Rockland, Maine.
53. Swisher, Robt D, 15 Ledyard Rd, Winchester, Mass.
54. Thompson, DB, 705 Scott St, Alexandria 2, La. DUES
55. Tucker, Bob, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill.
56. Unger, Julius, 6401 24th Ave, Brooklyn 4, NY.
57. Warner, Harry, 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Maryland.
58. Washington, Raymond Jr, 117 Hamilton St, Live Oak, Fla. DUES
59. Watson, Bill, 1299 California, San Francisco 9, Calif. DUES
60. Widner, Art Jr (Fvt), 87 Colonial Rd, N Weymouth 91, Mass. DUES
61. Wiedenbeck, Jack, 25 Poplar St, Battle Creek, Mich. DUES
62. Wilimczyk, Frank Jr, 44 Wyman St, Chicopee, Mass. DUES
63. Wollheim, Donald A, 98-50 67th Ave, Forest Hills, NY.
64. Wright, Rosco E, RR 1, Box 175, Toledo, Oregon. DUES
65. 2375076 Sigmn. Youd, C S, 1 Special Wireless Section, Royal
Signals, Central Mediterranean Force.

Changes of membership since last mailing: Membership of Deutsch has lapsed, not that it leaves too large a gap to be filled. Mike Fern, whose shared membership with Mel Brown was broken up per vice-presidential decision, has taken Deutsch's place, if he will be so kind as to pay \$1, post-haste. Deceased member Freehafer is still being carried on the rolls pending a vice-presidential decision as to what should be done with his membership. Useless member Degler/Rogers' name still fouls up our membership list because I haven't heard the result of the vote to get him bounced. Should the hoped-for happen whoever is #1 on the waiting list can take his place. (See 2nd Proxy's & my messages - OE)

Waiting list: I've inherited a gigantic waiting list and it doesn't show much chance of decreasing with any great speed. My policy will be

TALE OF THE EVANS

CC: Interesting. The co-op discussion should be developed.
AC: Very good, with the tale of the librarian being very interesting.

EPHMERON

CC: Necessary nuisance.
AC: Valuable for the Editor's second message, we presume?

READER & COLLECTOR

CC: A collector's item of the type that makes the FAFA almost a necessity to active fantasists.
AC: Our second-best liked zine in the mailing. We missed the hissing.

YHOS

CC: Slight, but glad to have it.
AC: Superman (with hair) in the army. If you're that close to home why don't you write me a letter?

BROWSING

CC: Rosenblum manages to be always fascinating. We green with envy at mention of British stuff we'll never see.
AC: Oh if it were but larger! Undoubtedly the best reference today to British books, and therefore valuable.

THE STUMP

CC: Funny political sheet--extra amusing when coming from half-member Ashley. It couldn't happen save in FAFA.
AC: We hope he is.

MEMOIRE OF A SUPERFLUOUS FAN

CC: Somehow not as gripping as it might be. But has high promise. We would welcome more fan history of this sort.
AC: Vies with Fan-Tods as best fanzine in the mailing, solely because of highly interesting personal history.

FAN-DANGO

CC: Laney somehow shows himself to be rather crudely intolerant. His actions on Degler surprisingly uglier than others, surprisingly, because of the merit of his Acolyte. He is certainly not an acolyte of HPL's old style gentlemanly debating ability.
AC: Old blood and guts Laney. Always good reading.

TOWARD TOMORROW

CC: An excellent fanzine, lots of good thinking here.
AC: One of the best zines in the mailing, with Kepner's long article on ethics in top place.

BLACK & WHITE

CC: We were supposed to have settled this matter in 1865. The present war has as one of its aims the smashing of this complex lie about racial inferiority. It is a shame that an otherwise careful brain like Speer's should permit itself to hold tight to its childhood prejudices. There should not be a place for liberal tolerance of this racist discussion any more. This war settled the issue.
AC: We weep that such as this even be necessary. How in the hell can America keep its feet on the ground as long as Americans push Americans around?

TAKE-OFF

CC: Healthy satire at the expense of the race-hating Nazis.
AC: Is this guy poetry-and-song crazy? Mary Helen enjoyable.

FAN-TODS

CC: Weighty, brainy. Goody.
AC: The best liked, mainly because it contributes to our education.

ARCADIA

CC: Bill Watson's heckling is magnificent--certainly a new literary art already in a high degree.
AC: Fonig makes hilarious reading and is sure to arouse some ire among high places. Big splash for newcomer.

BANSHEE

CC: A nicely rounded solid fanzine, equal to the best of the sub mags.
AC: A fanzine we'd expect to find outside FAPA, and good. Liked best "Superfan's Perfect Day".

CALIBAN

CC: Short talks by a big mind. ((Whose--Speer's? --LTS))
AC: We don't like such stapling, but contents newsworthy.

INVESTIGATION IN NEWCASTLE

CC: Sensational--but is it reliable?
AC: WO"!!!

FUTURIAN ADVANCE

CC: Needless to say, has no connection with NY Futurians. Degler material not too readable.

COSMIC CIRCLE MONTHLY

CC: Degler material handled by Raym, somewhat more readable.

TROY

CC: A slip of Editor Swisher. Helen Bradleigh is not a FAPA member.

DEGLERIANA

AC: Hilarious if you can stand the eye-strain. In vain, tho, we licked at the stickers that had no glue. Other things aside, Degler puts out funny stuff.

CURVED SEACE

AC: The picture was fair but it excited our imagination. At any rate, a good parody on the Grapefruit Girl.

ELMURMURINGS

CC: Mygosh, a printed Fapazine! Great days are upon us. Keep it up, Elmer.
AC: This guy always gets us. The fiction pleased.

BLITHERINGS

CC: O.K. More weighty material.
AC: We believe you'll find Sanyie was the mistress of the "Dialogue" and not Alanna. Historical error.

VENUS-CON

CC: Stuff.
AC: How Fapazines are born. The girl was interesting.

KILTY'S MAG

CC: Fapa short talk.

AC: Liked very much, especially army slango.

INSPIRATION

CC: Nice stuff, varies from reaction to progress. Typical mixed-up fan liberal.

AC: Best issue to date, and truly inspiring as well as educational.

AGDNBITE OF INWIT

CC: I just love reading Wollheim stories.

AC: Wollheim's horror tale good, poetry unread.

THE FAPA FAN

CC: Lost cause.

THE PHANTAGRAPH

CC: No comment.

AC: The masthead is heavier than the contents. Ouch.

THE NEW FEIROGLYPH

CC: No comment.

AC: More poetry. Bah.

SO SAARI

CC: More reviews of the last mailing.

AC: Another initial offering, marred only by more reviews. Is Saari naturalized? He didn't mention. If not let's run him out of the country as a furriner.

EN GARDE

CC: Gorgeous cover, lovely mimeoing. More Fapa reviews.

AC: The girl on the cover is naked! May we suggest "tums" instead of "tem" for the substitute for "fan"?

WALT'S WRAMBLINGS

CC: A fine little magazine serving a purpose. Worthwhile.

AC: Beautiful cover; good format; fine contents.

PHANNY

CC: More reviews. Somehow slight.

AC: The magazine we are getting our post-schooling education from. Now if he'll just cover anthropology and grammar.

HORIZONS

CC: Thoughtful Warner.

AC: At last Warner goes to the movies. Eureka! Perhaps if he continues attending long enough, we'll get a raise in pay via the indirect profit system in movies.

FUTURIA

CC: My, aren't we Futurians hot stuff, if we do say so ourselves!

AC: "When is a Futurian Not a Futurian" best.

THE WORKS

CC: The rich ripe Michel. NPTF discussions worth rereading.

AC: We get

FAPA VARIETY

CC: The rich ripe Tucker. That's about the one disadvantage of New York City--bookbinding is more expensive and now impossible. We would rather see a print of the first contents page of some older and rarer mag than Unk.

AC: Would have been included in the mailing if we had not been naive and believed the mailing would be mailed on deadline. Haw.

LIGHT

CC: Not easily readable. Fair.

AC: and clean. Goody. Cartoons and Mailbox best.

STAR-STUNG

CC: Thank you, Mr. Watson. More please.

AC: Best title to date. Wish we could read poetry.

FAPA BULLETIN

AC: We protest the title-change from Lean-To. But it apparently served its purpose. Future ballot-counting officers should be selected with care; we heard an unofficial version as to why this one was slow.

EMERGENCY FLARE

AC: The guy could have put his signature on it. ((He did: TD for Tom Daniel. --LTS))

ECCENTRIC'S ORBIT

AC: A very creditable first effort. Welcome.

LA VIE ARISIENNE

AC: The charter is sensible stuff. About all one needs to smoothly run a club.

DIRECTORY OF FANDOM

AC: Next year let's have a photo of each fan. This thing worth the time to produce it.

FAPA BLOTTER

AC: May we use it?

HISTORY OF THE FUTURE

AC: More, more, more, more, more, more, more.

FOLL KITTEN

AC: Duly filled in and returned. How about you?

FAPA BALLOT

AC: We voted, did you?

Note: These reviews are terse and extra simple because this is being done on very short notice at the last minute. Future critic's reports may be weightier. We haven't worked out our system. --DAWollheim

LANGLEY SEARLES' MESSAGE ((In the interests of democracy and space-filling)): Anent the pending amendments, I want a Dec 1st, not a Jan 1st mailing. I regard the December FAPA mailing as an irreplaceable Xmas gift! But I've no time to propagandize my view, so I may fall in line with you on the matter.

-- Langley

LAUREATE AWARDS, FAPA YEAR 1943-44

Based on the mailings for Fall & Winter, '43, & Spring & Summer

FOR EDITING AND PUBLISHING: Awarded to Bill Watson. Honorable mention to Al Ashley and Art Widner.

FOR NON-FICTION: Awarded to Russell Chauvenet. Honorable mention to Langley Searles and Don Thompson.

FOR FICTION: No award.

FOR ART: Awarded to Jack Weidenbeck. Honorable mention to Rosco Wright.

FOR POETRY: No award. Honorable mention to Robert Lowndes and Chan Chan Davis.

FOR HUMOR: Awarded to Robert Lowndes. Honorable mention to Art Widner and John Michel.

FOR BEST IN THE MAILINGS: Awarded to Norman Stanley. Honorable mention to Jack Speer and Robert Lowndes.

By the committee,

Russell Chauvenet
Jack Speer
Samuel Russell

September 2, 1944

Chairman's note: I am slightly embarrassed to find myself awarded the Non-fiction laureate; I would like to make it clear that my two colleagues outvoted me on this award, and I have no choice but to accept their joint decision.

This brings up a matter I have been considering, namely, broadening the scope of the 'Laureate Committee' to a point where the awards will be more representative of general FAPA opinion. In the current issue of Sardonyx I have listed my private votes for the last two mailings. If others of the FAPA membership should wish to do likewise, I suggest that as many as undertake to make it a regular custom be appointed permanent members of the Laureate Committee. The Committee would then be such in name only; actually it might include from ten to twenty or more members, and the ex-Vice President's duties would then be simplified to the tabulation of the votes of the various members during the past year. ((I, for one, intend to use Russell's system, as a way of cutting out reviews of reviews, so naturally this paragraph carries my enthusiastic endorsement. -- Laureate T Shaw))

Such a system would make the awards dependent on the votes of maybe a fourth to a third or more of the active membership and thus would provide a fairer basis than the present system of a limited committee.

Of course, it should be made clear to those participating that votes are supposed to be based on merit. If there is no poem worth a 5 point award, no first place vote should be given; if the best story is considered worth only one point, it should be named for 3rd and the first two places be left blank. This is an obvious necessity to prevent the poor best of an inferior mailing being ranked the same as the excellent 'top' of a good one.

Respectfully submitted,
14 Russell Chauvenet

SECOND PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Additional information, coming to my attention since the original message was sent to the OE, precipitates the following decisions. However, to outline the situation briefly:

Ex-Secy-Treas. Stanley informs me that at least four members were ineligible to vote in the last election, having failed minimal activity requirements, thus bringing the electorate to a total of no greater than 61. Therefore, a majority of 61 would be 31, which is the minimum requisite.

Therefore the proposed amendment to raise publishing requirements, which received exactly 31 yea votes, passes and becomes part of the constitution.

31 also voted on the petition directed against member Claude Degler, 18 voting aye; 13 nay. It would seem at first glance that the petition fails to pass, inasmuch as 18 cannot be considered a majority of 61 votes. However, there's a joker in the constitution. It reads, and we quote: "A majority vote of the active membership shall be necessary for the adoption of new amendments. A similar majority may at any time, through an instrument in petition form ... suspend sections of this Constitution in particular cases without repealing them." It does not state that a majority of "yes" votes is required; it only insists that a majority of the active members vote if an amendment or petition is to be passed.

Thus, a plurality can cause the passage of a proposed amendment or petition, providing that the total ballot returns constitute a majority of the qualified voting membership.

And on this basis, I have no course but to declare the petition calling for the suspension of member Degler's privileges as having passed.

The Secretary-Treasurer is hereby instructed to refuse ex-member Degler's renewal in the Fantasy Amateur Press Association, to return any monies he submits for such renewal. And, unless a further petition to amend this suspension, either in part or in whole, passes, ex-member Degler may not rejoin the Fantasy Amateur Press Association, and his name is not to be placed upon the waiting list.

The Official Editor is hereby instructed to send no further mailings to Degler, but will mail him one copy of the issue of the Fantasy Amateur wherein this notice appears.

If the Secretary-Treasurer has accepted monies for Degler's renewal between the time that the July mailing was sent out and September 6th, he is instructed to return these.

The name of Claude Degler shall not appear on the list of members with this issue of the Fantasy Amateur, unless the list had been run off the mimeograph before this message was received. Unless such was the case, Mike Fern, who was first on the waiting list due to special dispensation in the dual-membership tie-up, shall be listed in Degler's place and be given one month to forward dues.

In regard to the constitutional requirements, I do not know whether the committee slipped up in the wording thereof, or whether they planned it that way. At any rate, I feel that it is hardly in keeping with the democratic traditions of FAFA to permit 18 to speak for 61. The proposed revision of Article 12 makes no bones about the matter: note that it reads "An affirmative vote by a majority of the active membership shall be necessary ..." and specifies a similar majority for petitions.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Lowndes

STATEMENT OF THE HISTORICAL CO-ORDINATOR

By Donald A. Wollheim

The office of Historical Co-ordinator was created to try to get together all the documents and official papers of the FAPA into one spot. To try to create a repository for FAPA history. Somehow it does not seem proper that old ballots, for instance, should somehow be dumped in some wastebasket. In fact most ballot counters have held on to these masses of paper without knowing what to do with them. And certainly the original copies of the amendments should have merit and preservation somewhere.

Accordingly, I am requesting that all members who have in their possession papers of any official sort concerning the FAPA in all the years of its existence should kindly send them to me for filing and permanent record. This applies to amendments, copies of petitions, official decisions (if rendered by mail), ballots, and appeals.

My address is 98-50 67th Avenue, Forest Hills, N. Y. Please comply.

A second duty of the office as defined by President Lowndes is that of Constitutional Advisor. Which means exactly what it says. The Vice-President's office rules on disputes. But what when no protest is made, nothing is appealed to him, and yet something occurs that plainly appears to violate or likely to violate the constitution of the club. That is the role I have been asked to play. It is not executive, of course. It is strictly advisory, and it mainly made a duty of mine to seek out such potential friction angles and remind whatever officer in charge of it.

Though every member has a similar obligation, in my case it becomes an official duty. Thus, in the role of Constitution Advisor, I should make a case where no one else has when some issue comes up.

So far, I have only performed two actions. I have reminded the new Secretary-Treasurer of the ruling of Vice-President Chauvenet last term concerning dual membership, advising him that he is obligated to correct the status of Ashley, Al & Abby Lu, and of Brown-Fern. My second action was to point out to newly elected V-F Ashley certain discrepancies that appeared in his mimeographed notice of election results.

THE OFFICIAL MESSAGE OF THE OFFICIAL EDITOR (II)

Just to be different, thanks a lot to all those who voted for me.

On the other hand, hearty razzberries to all those who did not vote at all. Well, not quite all--but I counted only eight on the membership last time who might have found it impossible or exceedingly difficult to send in a ballot. Where were the rest of you? Frankly, I have come to the conclusion that we should have some sort of penalty for those ambitious individuals who could vote but just don't get around to it. If they aren't any more interested in the FAPA than that, why do they remain in it? Let's either wake up and get moving or crawl back into our holes and hibernate permanently, eh?

I look for a vote of at least fifty on the amendments proposed this time. And from my name on the list of sponsors, you know where I stand on them. Vote YES for all three!

I hereby issue a "Hands Off!" warning on the FAPA index and year-books suggested by our noble President Lowndes. They're mine, all mine, chums. Please don't get sore at me for confiscating them, but as work on the index is already well under way, there's no use in anyone else starting now. This index, to make it definite, should be in the next mailing (if Brother Vollheim finishes checking the lists someday!) and will cover every mailing up to June 1944. From there on the year-books will take over, but I'm not worrying about that until next year.

The Second Presidential Message came in before the membership list had been mimeed, but after it had been stencilled. Therefore, I had to remove Degler's name and replace it with that of Gerry de la Ree, who was first on the waiting list, thus causing the alphabetical, numerical, and mimeographical messes on pages 8 and 9, and making it look as if Suddsy didn't know what he was talking about. (Of course, he doesn't, but this time it wasn't his fault.) Anyway, the President ordered it, and how can a mere dictator buck the President?

And on the same general subject, the FA is being made up without a dummy, the material being typed on stencil more or less in the order it is received. Go ahead, complain, and see how far it gets you!

Might as well get all the requests off my chest now (debt.): I repeat the plea of former C's that you send at least 70 copies of your publication. There are numerous reasons for this. The slight extra labor and cost may pay dividends in surplus stock sales in the future. You may not have counted exactly right, and then the extra copies won't be extra at all. The same will hold true if you inadvertently include some defective copies. (That happened this mailing, and it was lucky that I spotted the error in time.) Another item I'd urge a few of you to pay more attention to is the wrapping of your packages. A couple were in lousy condition when they arrived, and after the mailman gently heaved them up the front stairs there was almost nothing left of the wrapping at all. I'm glad to say that the majority were not guilty of this charge, though.

Yes, the mailing is late. (I was hoping if I didn't say anything you might not notice it, but I guess that's hopeless. More than a week late, in fact. You may tar and feather me any time you're ready. Needless to say, my intentions were the best. One of the main reasons for the delay is that the problem of how the elections came out was not completely settled until the middle of the week after the official mailing date. On that date itself, in fact, I was in Buffalo confering with Ashley and Vollheim (our own "Presidential Agent") on the whole business. Even if I had been at home, though, the bundle would not have been mailed on September second. There were a couple of requests to hold things up that I simply couldn't ignore. Two of them came via telegram, yet! Another one came from local member Larry Shaw (though ordinarily I pay absolutely no attention to his wishes). On top of that, there was a minor problem of obtaining enough money to finance the mailing....

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1. Fantasy Fiction Field Presents--- June 1944
2. Janus Vol 1, No 1
3. Browsing No 7
4. Browsing No 8
5. By An Anonymous Civilian
6. The Mad Muse
7. Fantasy Commentator Vol 1, No 2
8. Fantasy Commentator Vol 1, No 3
9. Sardonyx Vol 3, No 4
10. Banshee No 5
11. A Rouzine No 1
12. The Nucleus Vol 5, No 2
13. FAPA Variety
14. Fan-Tods No 8
15. Horizons Vol 6, No 1
16. Sappho No 5
17. In Garde No 11
18. Walt's Wramblings Fall 1944
19. A Tale of the 'Evans Fall 1944
20. Light No 132
21. Elmmurmurings No 3
22. Caliban No 6
23. anidea
24. Cushlamochree No 1
25. Paradox No 8
26. "Star Bound" Bookmark
27. The F.A.F.A. Fan No 15
28. Agenbite of Inwit No 6
29. Cuteto Vol 4, No 2
30. Adam Singlesheet Fall 1944
31. Twilight Echoes Fall 1944
32. Wilty's Mag Fall 1944
33. The Fanty Raiser Vol 1, No 1
34. Fan-Dango No 6
35. Beyond No 3
36. Yhos No 11
37. Banshee No 6
38. The Fantasy Amateur Vol 8, No 1
39. Special FAPA Ballot Sept 1944

There will almost certainly be a post-mailing about the first of November, when the results of the special election are announced. I know of at least a couple of mags that will be in it, and any more will be gratefully accepted. However, and this is very important, within a week after this mailing I will be moving to New York City, so don't send any magazines to the address on the membership list. I'll let you know my new address as soon as possible, but if you have anything of vital importance to send my way in the meantime, I'm sure Wollheim or Unger will accept it for me.

Thus concludes the largest FA ever published.

Yours for a better if not bigger FAPA,

Larry T. Shaw

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PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 13

- (a) It shall not be the policy of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association, or any officer thereof, to exclude the publications of any member from inclusion in the official mailings unless they contain matter such as would imperil the mailing privileges of the Association upon the grounds of obscenity. It shall not be the policy of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association, or any officer thereof, to bar any subjects from discussion in the various members' publications. The one exception to this policy shall be the subject of "racism". As Americans, and believers in science, we of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association cannot look upon the theories of "inferior" races with other than loathing and repudiation, as being both anti-scientific and inimical to the American way of life.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Official Editor to refuse to include in any official mailing, or to list as part of a mailing, any publication containing matter which would imperil the mailing privileges of the Association upon the grounds of obscenity. It shall further be the duty of the Official Editor to refuse to include in any official mailing, or list as part of a mailing, any publication wherein the doctrine of "inferior" races is promulgated, or wherein any person, persons, groups, or nations are vilified, belittled, or are declared unworthy of what the Constitution of the United States of America declares to be the basic rights of all citizens, upon racial grounds.
- (c) The Fantasy Amateur Press Association cannot undertake to dictate to its members as to their individual viewpoints, but it can and does forbid members to designate any publications containing matter listed in the above two paragraphs as barred from the official mailings, as publications of the Association, or as items in any official mailing. Any member who distributes such matter in a publication bearing the words "A Fantasy Amateur Press Association Publication", or any other words or phrases to the same effect, shall be subject to expulsion from the Association.

Proposed by: John B. Michel, Robert W. () Yes
 Lowndes, Larry Shaw & Donald A. Wollheim () No

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

Foreword: In order that the Winter FAPA mailing shall not be mixed up with the rush of Christmas mail, the following changes in the Constitution are hereby proposed.

ARTICLE 9 (Section d) The final sentence in this section to be amended so that it reads: "The mailing dates shall be the second Saturday in January, April, July, and October of each year."

Note: This amendment automatically requires, if passed, the following alterations in other parts of the Constitution.

* Return ballot to Donald A. Wollheim, 98-50 67th Avenue, Forest Hills, New York. Deadline: November first, 1944.

ARTICLE 8 Sentence three amended to read: "The ballots shall be included in the July mailing." Sentence four amended to read: "All votes, to be counted, shall be in by August 8th; if for any reason the mailing is delayed in the sending, the Official Editor shall set the deadline ahead as many days as the mailing has been delayed, and shall notify the membership of the correct deadline for ballots." Sentence five amended to read: "The ballots shall be counted by a committee delegated by the President, which shall notify both outgoing and incoming officers, as well as all candidates for office in the election, as to the full results of the election within two weeks after the ballot deadline." Sentence seven amended to read: "Officers shall serve for one year beginning August 22d, or, in the event that the ballot deadline is shoved ahead, upon notification of their election by the ballot counting committee."

ARTICLE 9 Sentence one amended to read: "The President shall direct the activities of the Association; appoint members to fill vacated offices until the beginning of the next administration ... " (remainder stet)

Proposed by: John B. Michel, Robert W. () Yes
Lowndes, Larry Shaw & Donald A. Wollheim () No

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE FAPA CONSTITUTION

Foreword: Inasmuch as Article 12, in its present form, does not provide for fair treatment of members or officers in matters of impeachment or suspension of privileges, the following is offered as an amended version of this article.

ARTICLE 12

(a) Amendments -- Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed in writing, signed by four members. The original shall be sent to the President, copies to the other members. Such amendments shall be voted upon at the annual election, unless the President shall order a special vote. An affirmative vote by a majority of the active membership shall be necessary for the adoption of new amendments. A similar majority may, at any time, through an instrument in petition form which has been sent to the entire membership, over-ride any acts of, or impeach officials, or suspend sections of this Constitution in particular cases without repealing them.

(b) Impeachment of Officers and Suspension of Privileges of Members -- A petition to impeach an officer of the Association, to be valid, must contain the reasons for the proposed action, and a statement in defense from the officer in question, unless said officer declines statement. It shall be presented in the form of a ballot, ample time being provided for all members to vote "yes" or "no". The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive these ballots and inform the membership of the results of the voting thereon, unless he is the subject of the impeachment, whereupon the Official Editor shall perform this duty. A petition to suspend the privileges of any member, or members, shall follow the same procedure as that of impeachment of officers; if the suspension be carried it shall be considered as effective indefinitely, to be withdrawn only by a majority vote on a petition to rescind.

Proposed by: John B. Michel, Robert W. () Yes
Lowndes, Larry Shaw & Donald A. Wollheim () No