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## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: AAAP Board Members

FROM: C. F. Hall *C.F.H.*

SUBJECT: Proposed Constitutional Changes

Attached are the proposals for constitutional change which are being advanced by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Please review these at your earliest convenience and send your reactions to this office. In order for these proposals to be considered at the annual meeting, it is necessary that they be in the hands of the membership with your recommendations at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

I am attaching a copy of the 1970 Constitution which you may use for reference as you look through this material. Please keep in mind that there were several constitutional changes made in 1972 which have not been embodied into an updated version of the Constitution.



## REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE 1974-75

This Committee was charged with the following:

- a) To review the present AAAP Constitution and By-Laws dated 1970,
- b) To propose any changes designed to improve the Association, and
- c) To consider a geographic expansion of AAAP.

The work of the Committee was conducted by correspondence. The Committee recommends the following changes for consideration.

Proposal #1 - to clarify those sections which relate to eligibility, election to and rights of certain categories of membership by making the following changes. (Proposed deletions are struck; additions are underlined. Minor editorial changes are not noted.):

### ARTICLE IV - Membership

Section 1. The types of membership in this organization shall be:

- (1) Charter member.
- (2) Member.
- (3) Life member.
- (4) Associate member.
- (5) Honorary member.
- (6) Retired member and Retired associate member.

Section 2. Qualifications for membership:

- (3) Life member.
  - (a) A category of membership to which charter members, members and associate members, upon entering retirement, may be elected following nomination. In order to be considered for life membership, a person must have made significant contributions to the field of avian pathology and to this association, and shall have been active in the field a minimum of 25 years. Life members shall not be required to pay any dues or assessments.
  - (b) Retirement is interpreted to mean that the member or associate member is not engaged in any veterinary activity for which a full time salary is paid.
- (6) Retired member and retired associate member.
  - (a) Upon entering retirement, a member or an associate member may become eligible for retired membership. Retirement is interpreted in the manner described under 3(b), life member. Dues for retired members shall be either none or shall be at a reduced rate. This rate shall be set and periodically reviewed by the Governing Board of the Association. "Avian Diseases" would be supplied at membership rate if requested.



### Section 3. Application for membership:

- (1) An applicant for membership (member, associate member, retired member or retired associate member) shall be proposed by two members, and the application shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- (2) Applications for membership (member, Associate member, retired member or retired associate member) shall be approved by the membership committee and accepted by a two thirds vote of the governing board of the association.
- (3) Nominations for election as life members and honorary members shall be ~~made by the~~ submitted to the membership committee, approved by the membership committee and approved by a two thirds vote of the governing board of the association.
- (4) ~~Applications for retired membership shall be approved by the membership committee and accepted by two thirds of the governing board of the association.~~

Comment - Paragraph 4 deleted since the proposed additions to paragraphs 1 and 2 incorporate the substance of paragraph 4.

### Section 4. Rights of membership:

- (1) The rights to vote, to hold elective office and to hold committee chairmanship shall be restricted to charter members, members, life members and retired members. Associate members, retired associate members and honorary members shall have all other rights and privileges of membership.

Proposal #2 - To expand the geographical limits of the association to include Central and South America and to make those editorial changes necessary to accommodate the proposal:

## ARTICLE V

### Section 3

- (a) The organization shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, the past-president and one board member from each of the four designated North American regional districts and two members at large. The area board members will be elected for a four year period and so arranged that the election for only one area will occur each year. In order to begin the timing of this election of board members this first year (59-60), the duration of tenure in office will be as follows: Northeastern District, 2 year; Southern District, 3 years; Central District, 4 years, and Western District, 1 year.
- (b) The specific districts of the association are as follows:  
 Northeastern - No change  
 Southern - No change  
 Central - No change  
 Western - No change  
Central and South America - namely those countries south of Mexico.



- (c) Each district, with the exception of countries of Central and South America shall elect its area board member by the following procedure: The Secretary-Treasurer shall solicit nominations by . . . . . the member he replaces.

Note - in order to accommodate the above proposal, if approved, the following changes will be made:

# ARTICLE IV

## Section 2

### Paragraph 2

- (a) be a permanent resident of one of the ~~four~~ five districts (Article 5, Section 4, par. b) and be a graduate of a veterinary college.

## Section 4. Rights of Membership.

- (1) Except as outlined in paragraph 2, membership rights are as follows: The rights to vote, to hold elective office and to hold committee chairmanship shall be restricted to charter members, members, life members and retired members. Associate members and retired associate members and honorary members shall have all other rights and privileges of membership.
- (2) Due to limitations imposed by geographical distances, costs of travel, the added costs and delays in conducting a mail vote, members who are residents of countries south of Mexico will have no voting rights except when present at the annual or called meetings of the Association.

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## NOTE

Taking into account that minor changes may be necessary, preliminary Board Reaction to the proposed Amendments to the Constitution are as follows:

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>No Response</u>
Proposal 1	6	0	4
Proposal 2	4	2	4

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