

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY ASSOCIATION TO PERMIT INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF ASSOCIATE EDITORS OF THE JOURNAL, AND OTHER THINGS

This method is again utilized [cf THE JOURNAL, 16 (1948) 185] to present to the members of the International Leprosy Association a proposal, approved without a dissenting vote by the General Council circularized by mail, for certain amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws which experience, especially with respect to the publication of the JOURNAL, has shown to be desirable.

The rules of the Association pertaining to the JOURNAL were prepared and adopted before its publication was begun. At that time it was believed sufficient to provide for only two Associate Editors, they together with the Editor to constitute the Editorial Board; and because of the strategic positions of the Secretary-Treasurers of the two Sections, Eastern and Western, it was specified that they should hold those positions *ex officio*. Experience has shown that it is desirable to have more than two Associate Editors, and the proposed amendments would permit the General Council to add others at its discretion.

One other noteworthy change would be effected, namely the Vice-Chairmen of the Sections would be made members of the General Council. At present the Chairmen of the Sections are Vice-Presidents of the Association, and the Secretary-Treasurers of the Sections are members of the General Council by virtue of their positions as Associate Editors. The Vice-Chairmen have no such distinction, and it is proposed that it be accorded them.

Here follow the pertinent sections of the Constitution and By-Laws as originally adopted, followed by the proposed revisions with the changed portions italicized and annotated.

(1) *Original* (Constitution): 5. *Officers*.—(a) The general officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President from each section (the Chairman thereof, *ex officio*), a General Secretary-Treasurer, and four elective General Councillors, two from each section. The term of office shall be five years, provided that should a Congress of the Association be held before the expiration of this term, an election shall be held at such Congress. The Editor and Associate Editors of the Journal shall also be General Councillors *ex officio*.

(b) Each Section of the Association shall have as officers a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be the Associate Editor of the Journal for the Section, and four Section Councillors. The term of office

Proposed: 5. *Officers and Councils*.—(a) The general officers of the Association shall be a President, *two* Vice-Presidents, *one* from each Section (the Chairman thereof *ex officio*), and the General Secretary-Treasurer. *The General Council shall consist of these general officers,¹ the Vice-Chairmen and Secretary-Treasurers of the Sections, ex officio² and ten elective members,³ five from each section.* The term of office shall be five years, provided that should a Congress of the Association be held before the expiration of this term, an election shall be held at such Congress. The Editor of the Journal shall also be a member of the Council *ex officio*.⁴

(b) Each Section of the Association shall have as officers a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be *an* Associate Editor of the Journal, (*deletion here*) and four Section Councillors. The term of office

(2) *Original* (By-Laws): 8. *Periodical*.—(c) In immediate editorial control of the Journal there shall be an Editor who shall be assisted by two Associate Editors, one from each Section; these shall constitute an Editorial Board. The Editor shall be chosen by the General Council, and shall be continued in office at its discretion. The Secretary-Treasurers of the Sections shall be, *ex officio*, the Associate Editors of the Journal. The Editorial Board shall be assisted by a group of Contributing Editors, who shall be chosen by the said Board and shall comprise at least one member

¹ As in the 1935 edition.

² New provision.

³ As in the 1935 edition except that the number of elective members is reduced from twelve to ten to compensate for the inclusion of the Section Vice-Chairmen as *ex officio* members.

⁴ Elimination of Associate Editors from this provision, because inclusion in the Council of those who are such *ex officio* (i. e., the Secretary-Treasurers of the Sections) is provided for otherwise.

from each country which is represented in the membership of the Association

Proposed 8. (By-Laws) (c). In immediate editorial control of the Journal there shall be an Editor, *to be chosen by the General Council and continued in office at its discretion,*⁵ who shall be assisted by a group of Associate Editors, *which shall include the General Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and the Secretary-Treasurers of the Sections ex officio,*⁵ *together with such others as may be chosen by the General Council;*² these shall constitute an Editorial Board. (*Deletion here*) The Editorial Board shall be assisted by a group of Contributing Editors chosen by the said Board, *which shall endeavour to include at least one person from each country represented in the membership of the Association*

As in the case of the amendment referred to in the first paragraph hereof, the members of the Association are requested to vote on this proposal by mail, addressed to the undersigned General Secretary. If no indication of serious dissent has been received within a reasonable period of time after this issue of the JOURNAL has been distributed, it will be assumed that this proposal is approved. The Constitution and By-Laws as revised will then be published in full.

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