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A. Articles of Incorporation

1. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation was amended to include the Virgin Islands as being within the SEAALL region. This proposal was accepted by the membership by mail ballot in February, 1998.

2. The Committee recommends that the Board consider increasing the size of the SEAALL Board to seven members. Presently Article VII Sec, 1 provides that "The officers shall together act as the Board of Trustees and the Immediate Past President shall sit on the Board of Trustees". The Board thus includes the President, the Vice-President/President Elect; the Immediate Past President, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The board should consider adding two "at large" members to the board. Presumably these members would serve a two-year term, and would be elected every other year.

3. Article VI Sec. 1 provides that the Pres., VP, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve as officers. As noted above, the Immediate Past President also serves on the board. Does the Immediate Past President also serve as an officer of SEAALL? If so, this section should be changed.

B. Bylaws

1. Bylaws: Article 1 sec. 1(e). Pursuant to a recommendation from the Membership Committee, the board will be asked to recommend that the section dealing with life membership be amended to read:

   The Chapter may at any regular meeting by a vote of two thirds of those present elect to life membership those who have been members of the Chapter for at least ten years who have reached the age of fifty-five, have retired from active full-time library work, and have a record of substantial service to the Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

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