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Dear Ken,

My first thought is that a line at the end of "Any 2 methods of decision would handle all members or action" would handle all members or action. We need to define rights & privileges throughout the membership - relative to elections. I would not really want to do a temporary firm - membership might not take a little plane for time on our past. Billing? I am from you. Thanks.
Ed -

Please read this cover sheet and the one page letter below that follows. The other sheets are the working pages for the committee so that you would know fully what we're up to - and so that the Committee Members will be given credit for their individual efforts.

Betty (\(\mod\))
Ed:

Following are pages faxed to the Articles & By Laws Committee over the last few days pursuant to our conversation regarding the voting rights of associate members.

We have agreed on the following:

The right to vote in elections shall be restricted to active individual members, institutionally designated members, student members, associate members and life members.

A few questions have been raised as you may see: Do we need to keep the word "active" in the statement? Should we also address the issue of committee appointments for these folks in each category also? The latter can wait until the summer meeting.

This, of course, means that only honorary members will now NOT be allowed to vote. I am not sure that I personally can support this addition--after hearing from you that one election was decided by only one (1) vote!

I spoke to the newsletter editors and they will save a very conspicuous full or half page for this notice which will run over Donna Bausch's secretarial signature. We will also ask that some notice be put on the front page.

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS THAT YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE AND GET BACK TO ME BY FAX ON MONDAY OR BY PHONE OR FAX ON TUESDAY--EARLY MORNING. (Our library is closed on Monday for MLK.) Gretchen has given us until about noon Tuesday to get this accomplished and faxed to her.

Ken Hirsh and Nancy Johnson have been great with quick responses, workable wording, etc. and generally good natured cooperation. Guess it's up to you now to see that we get this published in the newsletter currently being prepared for press.
Nancy & Ken:

Attached is a sketchy chart showing the rights & privileges afforded by the AALL By Laws—and to whom. Since we cannot be more restrictive than AALL, I think that we must add student members to the amendment. I am also inclined to list the types of members in the same order as they appear in Section I. Membership Categories. The amendment which you, Ken, were kind enough to draft (and impressively quickly, I might add) would then read:

The right to vote in elections shall be restricted to active individual, institutionally designated and student members, associate members, and life members.

or

The right to vote in elections shall be restricted to active individual members, institutionally designated members, student members, associate members and life members.

(The only difference being the insertion of the word members after each category for sake of clarity.)

In truth, I am wondering what active really means and am wondering if it should be deleted. Either you pay dues and become a member or you don't and therefore are not a member.

Any thoughts? Please let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience so that I may fax our final draft to Ed and still meet the newsletter deadline.

Many thanks for your prompt responses on this issue—hard to resist saving $150, isn't it?
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Betty,

I agree that printing a suitably highlighted notice (or including an insert) in the newsletter would be sufficient notice, provided the first page of the newsletter makes mention of its enclosure.

I would amend Article I Section 2 as on the attached. I wrote two options. Option 2 may be superfluous, but I find the present language talking about "designated institutional members" a little confusing.

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Option 1.

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Option 2

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I agree that we must give student members a vote. "Active" does seem superfluous or maybe ambiguous. Now, however, we have reached the point where only honorary members do not have the right to vote.

Stating things in the negative might be too confusing, however, especially spelling out that institutional members do not have a vote as an institution.

To make the language painfully clear, therefore, I vote in favor of the clause in Betty's 2:15 CST fax of today.

[Signature]

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Ed—Surely you've not prepared
your materials for Charleston—
—and surely I'm not the last
committee rep. sent in—

Regrets about the delay!
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