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Mr. Carlton F. West
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Dear Mr. West:

The agenda for the March 2nd meeting in Raleigh arrived today and I am getting copies in the mail from the three members of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Whether any will attend is the question. I have heard from none of them since my letter to them of January 25th in which, among other things, I asked to be informed if they would attend the March 2nd.

Under those circumstances I still think it best to schedule the committee meeting for the morning, though I think it highly probable I shall be the only one there. In any event, the report will be ready and will be made to the Executive Board at the afternoon session. It will consist of the proposed revision.

Your suggestion as to how this report might be made will be appreciated. My present thought is to have enough copies for you and the Executive Board, let the report consist simply of turning these in for the further consideration of the Executive Board. Of course I would be willing to read it and go into it but I think (1) not much can be done in five minutes, and, more important, (2) not much can be gained unless one can carefully sit down and compare the proposal with the old document. Altogether I think it would be best for the Executive Board to consider it in detail by itself and either make what changes it wishes or return it to me with suggested changes.

In any event, what we should shoot for is a document that can be mimeographed and sent out to all the members in advance of the Biennial Meeting - and hope to hell no changes will be made at the meeting so the proposal can stand. In that way the fearsome job of a further mimeographing will be avoided.

I do wish to thank you for your comments on the proposal as mentioned in your letter of Feb 5th. I agree with them, including a second thought about the second vice president. These suggestions shall be incorporated in the by-laws.

My experience has taught me (and been reinforced by the By-Laws Committee) not to think too highly of committee work. Much of it is make-do, more of it waste, and some of it just interference. Accordingly I append a copy of my comments to Miss Von Oesen's report for your consideration.

Cordially,

Winston Broadfoot