

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

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13 different changes proposed were all approved this year. Most of the changes are for clarification. The major change that was approved was to divide the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

Now that the changes have been approved, we are in need of a Treasurer. Because this is an elected position, we will need to add to the ballot for the upcoming election. However, the individual elected will not take office until after the 2004 conference. Because the position will be vacant for a year, I recommend that the Steering Committee appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. I believe this would be in accordance with Bylaws Article IV, Sec. 2.

There are currently two minor changes that need to be made:

- Constitution Article V, Sec. 1 (Officers) currently reads “The officers of this Round Table shall be President, a Vice-President/President Elect, a Secretary and Treasurer all of whom shall be members in good standing of LSSIRT.” A change of “...Secretary and a Treasurer...” adds “a” to clarify the positions are separate. The change is not necessary, but simply a clarification. Because of the number of changes submitted and approved this year, I recommend we do not make any additional changes this coming year, but perhaps wait until the 2005 election to submit any additional changes.
- Bylaws Article II, Sec. 5 (ALA Committees) currently reads “The President-elect and Financial Advisor, will serve as the LSSIRT representatives on the Budget Analysis and Review Committee.” I propose we change this to “The President-elect and Treasurer will serve....” This changes the wording from Financial Advisor to Treasurer and removes the comma after Advisor. I believe this was overlooked on the ballot with the intention that our Financial Advisor is actually the Treasurer.

I believe the second change may be made in accordance to the Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 3 (Bylaws) that allows the Steering Committee to “make changes to the Bylaws that are grammatical or for clarification but do not change the intent of the Bylaw.” Because this section only applies to the Bylaws and not the constitution, I do not believe the change can be made. But I do not feel the change to the Constitution is critical at this time.

I do not recommend any other changes at this time.