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While I do not have an IRE Constitution at my fingertips, I believe the proposed constitution would in general be a near "Chinese" copy. Politically, it would have seemed sounder to me if more of the writings and format of the AIEE Constitution had been incorporated. The proposed constitution is probably a product of familiarity and shortness of time.

There are three schools of thought on the title:

A) It is the same old title "IRE" with one more "E" added.

B) The word "Radio" has essentially lost meaning and should not be in the title. (The famous selling slogan, "There's only one electron; Why have two societies?" has no relationship with "Radio".)

C) The word "American" could well be in the title to maintain patriotic identity.

In terms of AIEE thinking the proposed constitution is a rather relaxed document. Considering the size of the organization, it might be more appropriate if the grades of membership, for instance, were actually more tightly defined.

Of course the major change in philosophy of organization management is reflected in the tremendous delegation of power and authority to the Executive Committee. Hence the probable desirability of making the constitution more specific in several areas. Again, this power is indicated by the makeup of the Executive Committee which, with minimum restrictions on the possibility of re-election, can assume many aspects of a self-perpetuating body.

Bylaw 403.2 states that "his term as President shall be 3 years." This must be a misprint or miswording.

I did not have time to check with legal counsel, but there is a train of thought which might have some significance. The Editor is a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. He is also a Corporate Officer. Presumably he and his staff are responsible for the publications.

It is known that other societies, specifically IRE and ASME, have been under fire by the Publishers' Association because of the advertising, catalogs, directories and other publications produced by societies. The Publishers' Association has questioned the tax status since obviously this portion of the societies' activities is not a non-profit making activity. Since the Editor is a Corporate Officer, there might be some inference drawn that the society's tax status should be carefully watched.

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The accounting procedures seem extraordinarily restrictive. Page G, paragraph 6, for example, indicates "all funds received by the IRKE shall be deposited in an account requiring the signatures of at least two corporate officers for withdrawal." Obviously there will be a necessity for many accounts, particularly with the Professional-Technical Group structure. Someplace the whole financial picture should be drawn together.

Obviously there will be a need to rearrange the Standing Technical Committees. Dr. Weber's task force's suggestions are in an appropriate direction.

The philosophy behind the Administrative Committees (note 405.2 in the Bylaws) is in the right direction. Still, there may be need for a Membership Committee, Public Relations Committee and even an Intersociety Relationship Committee. I would agree with the deletion of the Research Committee, unless someone can define an appropriate objective and suggest activities that would assist the committee in obtaining the objective.

#### HERE ARE SOME MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

C22.4 - The treasurer has general supervision of fiscal affairs.

B101.3 - With the power so great in the Executive Committee, is this section necessary? or, if necessary, it could be incorporated in B101.7.

There should be logical reasons for determining both the number of regions and their geographical boundaries. *ie Criteria.*

B100-D8 - This limitation appears in several places and is an example of what needs to be clarified in the general pull-together for the financial operations.

B100-G-6 & 7 - These seem incompatible since, if they cannot charge dues, how can a group derive income from membership fees. Perhaps this just needs clarification. (In paragraph 5 of 100-G, second line, the word "affiliate" should be capitalized.)

Is the Annual Assembly open to members in general? Where is this specified?

It would seem to push the Board of Examiners too much to clear both Senior Members and Members.



400-I, Para. 9: "The Education Committee shall ... determine whether the general areas of electrical engineering, electronics and science are adequately covered." Isn't that an ECPD function?

400-J, Para. 11: Shouldn't the Finance Committee or somebody be delegated to manage the investments.

400-N, Para. 10: The methodology of double envelopes, etc. is pure hokum. Considering all the other delegation, this antique method is too costly.

400-N, sub 407: It doesn't seem to be reasonable to identify the pension plan in the Bylaws without also covering the other employee benefits.

400-O, sub. 2: Ditto 400-N, sub 10.

500-A, sub. 501.1: Considering the possible number of standards that might be issued in this huge society, why should standards be published in the Journal? Separate publication would provide a continuous check on the quantity, quality and degree of cooperation with other societies.