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Amendments to Constitution Proposed

The Association's president, Lester J. Cappon, and its steering committee recommend the following amendments to the constitution of the Association for Documentary Editing:

A. That the *steering committee*, defined in article 6, be renamed *Council*. As it is the executive body of the Association, it should be distinguished from the committees established in article 7 and from such ad hoc committees as may be appointed from time to time.

B. That article 4, section 2 (defining the nominating committee) be made section 1 of article 7 (subsequent sections being renumbered accordingly); and that the first sentence of the new article 7, section 1, be amended to read "A nominating committee of five members, no two of whom may be affiliated with the same documentary editing project, agency, or institution, shall be elected by the association by mail ballot."; and that the word *full* be deleted from the last sentence of the said article to eliminate a redundancy.

C. That the first sentence of article 5 be amended to read "There shall be a business meeting of the association convened during the annual meeting."; and that the last sentence of article 5, section 2 be deleted.

D. That the first sentence of article 4, section 4 be amended to read "No member shall hold more than one elected office in the association at a time, and no member shall serve more than one consecutive term in any office except that the secretary-treasurer shall be eligible for reelection for as many as three consecutive terms."

Members are asked to vote on the proposed amendments (using the ballot printed in this issue of the *Newsletter* or a photocopy thereof) and to return their ballots to Raymond W. Smock, Secretary-Treasurer, Booker T. Washington Papers, History Department, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742, by 15 August 1980. The results of the balloting shall be

conveyed to the Association at its annual meeting, 30 October-1 November 1980, in Williamsburg, Virginia, for confirmation by advisory majority vote.