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CHANGES

SPECIAL NOTICE
FOR
MEETING FEB 25 1982

Please make a special effort to attend --

- to hear Adm. Cagle's paper.
- to vote on three prospective members, per enclosed card.
- to vote on proposed changes in our Constitution and By-Laws re EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP, per minutes (over) of our last meeting, Feb 11 1982. Language changes, as now proposed by President and Secretary:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. (1). Membership shall be either active or ~~inactive~~ emeritus. #
- Sec. (6). Any active member of long service and advanced years, having made known his desire to the Secretary, may, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, be made an ~~inactive~~ emeritus member, continuing with all the privileges of active membership, but free of the obligation to read papers, and to attend meetings regularly; provided, however, that such ~~inactive~~ emeritus member be not included within the constitutional limit provided for active membership.

BY-LAWS

- Sec. (4). Any ~~inactive~~ emeritus member may upon his request, be reinstated as an active member by majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

Dr. William H. Barney, President
Raymond H. Williamson, Secretary

~~aaaaa~~ = deleted words; aaaaa = added words.

PRESENT INACTIVE MEMBERS, WITH DATE BECAME INACTIVE

- Raymond E. Baker (4-80)
- Joseph K. Banks (pre-75)
- A. Lea Booth (3-79)
- John F. Ewing (10-78)
- E. Marshall Frost (2-82)
- Ruskin S. Freer (5-77)
- Robert D. Morrison (1-79)
- James B. Noell (5-77)
- Cranston Williams (5-77)

OVER

BY-LAWS

(1) The club shall meet, as far as practicable, once every two weeks, from October 1st to May 15th, at such time and place as may, from time to time, be designated.

(2) The annual dues of active members shall be such sum as may be found necessary from year to year.

(3) If any member fails to pay such dues and other charges as may be properly assessed against him, his name shall be automatically dropped from the roll of the club six months after the end of the club year during which such indebtedness was incurred; provided, that he shall have been twice previously reminded of this law by the Secretary or Treasurer.

(4) Any ^{emeritus} inactive member may, upon his request, be reinstated as an active member by majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

(5) Recognition of decease of members shall be a simple statement of fact concerning the member.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions above stated of these By-Laws, the majority of members at any meeting may, by special resolution, provide for unusual situations or conditions as may be deemed proper.

(7) All proposed changes in the By-Laws shall be presented in writing at any regular meeting of the club and may be adopted by a majority of the members present.

- # of meeting
- introduction of guests
 - secretary's report
 - treasurer report
 - old business

GEORGE B. CRADDOCK, M.D.
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February 1, 1982

Mr. Raymond Williamson
933 Rothowood Rd.
Lynchburg, VA 24503

Dear Mr. ^{Ray}Williamson:

I am writing concerning the question of active/inactive members of the Sphex Club. As you know, my attendance has never been real good and I feel a little embarrassed to make these suggestions. It has occurred to me in thinking it over that what I am suggesting might be worthwhile.

To me, if we are going to have "inactive members" then there should be three categories for members. One is the active members such as you, Dr. Bill Barney, Gibson Hobbs, Ed Harper, and the rest of us. Two, should be emeritus members such as Dr. ~~Frier~~, Mr. Marshall Frost, Mr. Robert D. Morrison, and so forth. These men have been members of the Sphex Club for years. They have been faithful members. They have met their obligations in every way and I think that as an emeritus member, they could be so honored. These men, I think, should be allowed all the privileges of the Sphex Club. They could be sent cards of the meetings, could come to any meeting they wished, they would not be obligated to give a paper or pay dues. They could come to the annual meeting. They would only have to pay for the dinner that they themselves elected to attend and the dinner costs for their guests. The third category would be inactive members if we are going to have that category. To me, the inactive members should not be numerous. They ^{should} not be members who could immediately become emeritus members and I think that if we are going to grant them that privilege of being an inactive member, then it should be on a year to year basis and they should have to apply themselves to have the inactive membership renewed. If they cannot do this, then I think that they should resign. I think that the inactive member, during his time of inactivity, should pay dues and of course, he should pay for the dinner for himself and his guests when he has them. I would favor continuing the present members who are inactive ^{or} active membership through this year, but they be told that by next September, they will have to reapply for the position of inactive member. I will discuss this further at our meeting, but I am writing a letter so that you can be thinking of it and if I cannot get there, you will have the letter to present if you wish.

Ray, I think that we all owe you a debt of gratitude for keeping the minutes and sending out the notices and looking after the problems as you have done. I appreciate what you are doing very much.

Sincerely,

George

George B. Craddock, M.D.

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cc: office
dt: 2/3/82

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JAMES R. CASKIE (1909-1969)
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January 12, 1982

Mr. Raymond H. Williamson
933 Rothowood Road
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Dear Ray:

As you have probably heard, I had a rather serious accident in November. My recovery has been slow and the prognosis is rather uncertain, therefore, I desire to become an inactive member of the SpheX Club.

Will you please present this request to the membership at their next meeting for the appropriate action?

I must say that this move on my part is done with great reluctance and deep regret. I became a member in either 1929 or 1930 along with Robert D. Ramsey and James R. Gilliam, Jr. The meetings have added to my intelligence and I have greatly enjoyed the association with the members.

Sincerely,

E. Marshall Frost
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January 11, 1982

Mr. Ray Williamson
933 Rothwood Road
Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

Dear Ray:

I hate to write this letter because I have enjoyed my brief experience in the Sphex Club enormously. Nevertheless, I feel that I will have to offer my resignation. I realize now that I probably never should have accepted membership in the first place. However, it is a club that I have always wanted to belong to and when the invitation came to me, I suppose I simply let my desire to join overcome my objective reasoning.

The problem is, of course, attendance. In the short time I have belonged, I have already had to miss several meetings. I will be away for the next two months, and after the General Assembly is over, I will have to be out of town a great deal traveling around to our stores, plus other out-of-town commitments that I have already made. I am afraid that as long as I am in the General Assembly, it will always be thus.

When I do get out of the Legislature, I would like very much to re-join your Club if this is possible. When that time comes, I will not be bashful about approaching some of the members and asking them if this can be done. At any rate, I hope you understand my position. I think this action is the fairest thing for the Club as well as myself.

Warm regards, Ray.

Sincerely,

Elliot Schewel
Elliot Schewel

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PROPOSED CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

SPHEX CLUB
Feb 12 1981

The following proposed changes are based on general idea consensus, obtained at the regular meeting of Jan 29 1981.

In the following proposals, language for additions is underlined.

To amend the Constitution, follow Constitution Article VI - Amendments:

"All proposed changes in this Constitution shall be presented in writing to the club for discussion. Such proposed changes shall lie over until the following regular meeting, at which time they may, if duly seconded, be adopted by a majority vote of those present."

To change the By-Laws, follow By-Law No. (7):

"(7) All proposed changes in the By-Laws shall be presented in writing at any regular meeting of the club and may be adopted by a majority of the members present."

Proposed changes in Constitution, Article III - Membership:

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(6) Any active member, having made known his desire to the secretary, or by action of the club, may, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, be made an inactive member, continuing with all the privileges of active membership, but free of the obligation to read papers and to attend meetings regularly; provided, however, that such inactive member be not included within the constitutional limit provided for active membership.

Proposed changes in By-Laws:

Nominating Committee

(2) The annual dues of active and inactive members shall be such sum as may be found necessary from year to year.

(4) The club may transfer an active member to inactive-member status, provided this member has been absent from more than half the regular meetings in the previous twelve months and has been twice previously reminded of his inadequate attendance by the Secretary.

(5) Any inactive member may, upon his request, be reinstated as an active member by majority vote of the members present at any meeting. (No change)

Renumber By-Laws (5), (6) and (7) to become (6), (7) and (8), respectively.

It was the consensus at the regular meeting Jan 29 1981 than no added language regarding a QUORUM be proposed at this time. In an emergency, resort to By-Law (6), now to be renumbered (7):

(7) . . . the majority of members at any meeting may, by special resolution, provide for unusual situations or conditions as may be deemed proper."

Respectfully submitted by ad hoc Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Raymond H. Williamson, Chm
E. Marshall Frost
W. Martin Johnson

Raymond H. Williamson

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February 5, 1981

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Mr. Raymond H. Williamson
933 Rothwood Road
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Dear Ray:

I have just received the proposed changes, and after reading them, I do have some suggestions.

In the proposed changes in the Constitution, Article III, I would suggest:

(6) Any active member, having made known his desire in writing to the secretary to become an inactive member, or the Club, independently of any such expression, may, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, change the status of such active member to an inactive member. An inactive member shall have all the privileges of active membership, but shall be free of the obligation to read papers, and to attend meetings regularly; provided, however, that such inactive member be not included within the constitutional limit provided for active membership.

I added "in writing" to protect the secretary from any misunderstanding.

In regard to (4) of the By-Laws, I feel that as this provision now stands it rewards the absentee for his absences. I feel it should be made stronger, and suggest:

(4) The Club may, by a majority vote of the total enrolled active members, and voting affirmatively, drop the name of any member who has been absent from more than half of the regular meetings in the previous twelve months and has been twice previously reminded of his absences by the secretary.

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Mr. Raymond H. Williamson
February 5, 1981

I appreciate all the work you have done for the Committee.

Sincerely,

CASKIE, FROST, HOBBS & HAMBLIN

By: Ed Frost
E. Marshall Frost

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P. O. Box 7946
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March 27, 1980

Mr. Raymond H. Williamson
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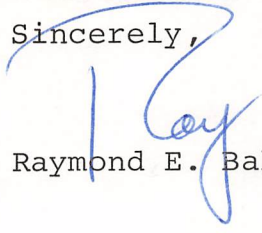
Dear Ray,

As you know, my job with General Electric is now headquartered in Charlottesville. Even though I will continue to maintain my residence in Lynchburg, it is now apparent to me that it will be rare when I can count on being in Lynchburg on meeting nights.

It is with great reluctance that I request that my resignation be accepted. It is my expectation that in three years or so, I will retire and will live in Lynchburg. At that time, I know I would like to renew active membership. I doubt if the Club has a rule or precedent to accomodate me, but I hope I will be considered for reinstatement at that time.

I valued my membership a great deal as I did my association with the members. Please convey my best wishes to all.

Sincerely,


Raymond E. Baker

REB:ngp