

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The Council of the American Meteorological Society on April 24, 1969, voted to recommend to the membership that the proposed amendment set forth below be adopted:

Add the following sentence to Paragraph 5 of Article III of the Constitution:

In commemoration of the observance of the Golden Anniversary of the American Meteorological Society and the Centennial of the U. S. Weather Services, the requirement of a degree from an institution of higher learning for Professional Membership may be waived by the Council in the case of any applicant whose application is received during 1970, who offers as a substitute for a degree, a record of a generation (more than 18 years) of professional service in meteorology consistent with the objectives of the Society.

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to waive the requirement of a degree for those individuals who have given a generation of service to meteorology consistent with the objectives of the American Meteorological Society. This privilege would be granted only to those who apply during the calendar year 1970 and who otherwise meet the qualifications for Professional Membership. The Council deemed it appropriate that this exception be made as part of the observance of the Golden Anniversary of the AMS.

Strike out Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article IV of the By-Laws in their entirety and substitute therefor the following:

- 1.) There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of:
 - (a) The President, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) The President-Elect, who shall be the Vice-Chairman;

- (c) The immediate Past-President;
 - (d) The Secretary of the Council;
 - (e) Two members of the Council, other than those named in the preceding paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d), who shall be elected by the Council, one each year for a term of two years;
 - (f) The Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer, both ex-officio and without the power to vote.
- 2.) (a) A majority of the members, at least one of whom shall be the President or President-Elect, of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of those present at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be required for the resolution of any question.
 - (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution or By-Laws, the Council shall arrange as soon as possible to increase to six the membership of the Executive Committee as provided for in Article IV of these By-Laws.

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to increase from four to six the number on the Executive Committee. The present method of naming the Executive Committee usually means that three of the four members have terms for a single year. Since it takes some time to understand the operations of the Society, this leads to a lack of continuity. As the AMS grows, it is important to have the Executive Committee function during the interval between Council meetings and that the committee be large enough to reflect Council opinion.

Nominations for 1969

The Nominating Committee of the American Meteorological Society, consisting of Chester W. Newton, chairman, Hazen H. Bedke, Lawrence Davis, Herbert S. Appleman, and Richard J. Reed, submits the following list of nominees for President-Elect and Councilor to be elected by mail ballot prior to the next annual meeting in December 1969.

For President-Elect, 1970

Alfred K. Blackadar
David S. Johnson

For Councilor, 1970-71-72

Arthur W. Anderson
Charles E. Anderson
Roscoe R. Braham, Jr.
George P. Cressman

Noel S. LaSeur
Harold D. Orville
Allen D. Pearson
Theodore B. Smith
Willis L. Somervell, Jr.

In accordance with the constitutional amendments adopted in January 1966, the person who is elected to be President-Elect in 1970 will serve as President in 1971.

It is provided in Article V of the By-Laws of the Society that: "nominations also may be made by petition signed by at least twenty-five members eligible to vote on the preceding May 1, provided the petition is received by the Secretary-Treasurer together with the written consent of the nominee, not later than the next following September 1."