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changes proposed in, say, June of 1985 cannot normally be acted upon until the balloting for president-elect in July of 1986. The changes, even if approved by a simple majority of voters, cannot be effective until close of the corporation business session in November or December of 1986, or a full 18 months after a need for change is acknowledged. It was this process that delayed balloting on the recently approved standing committees, for example.

The Governing Board recommends to the membership that modification to standing committees be governed by the same procedures through which the bylaws (in which the standing committees are defined and roles established) are amended. Using that process, changes to standing committees can be made through a ballot (either special or regular) or by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership at the business meeting, providing notice of the balloting is sent to the membership ahead of time.

To effect the change, sections 2 and 3 of article XI of the constitution must be deleted.

NOTE: Article XII of the constitution was renumbered to article XI when the membership voted to eliminate the purpose of the Society from the constitution. For those who refer to the constitution on page 424, Vol. 26, No. 4, 1980 of the *Bulletin*, the pertinent article is number XII.

Section 2. New standing committees may be established, and any existing standing committee may be dissolved, or its definitive section in the bylaws amended on recommendation by the Governing Board, followed by approval by the Society by mail ballot. Ballots for this purpose shall be distributed at the time when ballots for president-elect of the Society are being distributed. All ballots returned to the executive director before the specified deadline (which shall not be less than 30 days after the date when the ballots are mailed out) shall be counted by a committee of three members appointed by the president. The changes proposed, if adopted, shall become effective at the close of the annual meeting first following approval by the Society.

Section 3. Upon establishment or discontinuance of a standing committee, or amendment of its definitive section in the bylaws, its name and definitive section in the bylaws shall be added, deleted, or amended accordingly, without complying with the amendatory requirement of article VI of the bylaws.

Deletions of those two sections would then

Letters

Dear Editor:

It's nice seeing things being stirred up and becoming more interesting in the newsletter. I have four comments about that and other things.

First, the May issue of the *ESA Newsletter* had a nice section called "Entomology, A Global Science." Since our Society has several foreign members, including my office partner here in Sweden, the World News section is an intelligent addition for promoting their interest and membership. Our Society can potentially grow enormously in foreign membership because of the large population and because English is the scientific language, with American entomology leading the way. From an American member's standpoint, it is nice to feel international and realize that we are part of the world.

Second, I think the recent questionnaire is a good idea and will probably lead to other questions and some answers for improving our Society.

Third, I still want to agitate for changing the *Annals of the Entomological Society to Entomology or Journal of Entomology*—the *J. Georgia Soc. Amer.* was changed to the more distinguished title of *J. Entomol. Sciences*. Maybe other journals will preempt the best titles—too bad if they do.

Finally, I think we should be democratic and thus hold the national conference meetings in all regions. Even if a majority want southern meetings, it would not be fair to do

allow the provisions of the bylaw amending article to govern changes to all sections of the bylaws. For information the bylaws amending provisions follows.

Bylaws Article VI — Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1. Changes in these bylaws may be made by a two-thirds majority of members voting at a business session of the annual meeting of the Society, or by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast in a mail ballot; provided that notice in writing of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to every member at least one month before the date of the meeting at which it is to be considered, or at least one month before the last date for the return of the ballots in the case of a mail ballot.

The change would also require deletion of the words "constitution and" from section 3, bylaws article V, so the pertinent portion of

so, based on our traditional and constitutional respect for minority views. The issue is one not only of a pleasant place, but also one of personal and regional economics (members' travel and regional convention centers).

Sincerely,
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Sweden

Dear Placements Coordinator:

The Information Scientist/Literature Searcher position here at Cyanamid has now been filled. Thank you for your assistance in providing resumes and contacts to help us recruit suitable candidates.

Sincerely,
J.X. Leondar, Manager
Technical Information Services

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We would like to hear from you. Whether your letter reacts to an article, expresses a point of view, offers a fresh perspective, suggests a new idea—or an old one recycled—your opinion is important.

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the section will read: "Positions on standing committees shall be filled by election, except as provided elsewhere in the ~~constitution and~~ bylaws."

Further, in the same section, change it to read: "...unexpired portion of the term by the authority that selected the person who vacated the position, except as provided otherwise in the ~~constitution and~~ bylaws."

For adoption, these changes require approval of the membership at the business meeting followed by member ballot.

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