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VII - 4 - Signatures of at least two of the Corporate Officers required for withdrawal of funds from the bank account.

VII - 9 - Two-thirds of all votes cast at a Board meeting are required to approve any new Bylaw, amendment, or revocation.

VII - 10 - All committees, unless otherwise provided for in the Bylaws, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors in such manner as the Board of Directors may designate.

VIII - 1 - Board of Directors shall submit to all voting members a list of nominees for Delegates, Directors, the President, and such other officers as may be specified in the Bylaws to be elected by the voting members for the coming term ..... Submission may be by publication.

VIII - 2 - Nomination by petition may be made by letter to the Board of Directors ..... Such petition shall be signed by at least one per cent of the total number of voting members as listed in the official membership records of the IRE ..... but in no case shall the number be less than one hundred.

VIII - 3 - On or before September first, the Board of Directors shall submit to all voting members as of August fifteenth, a ballot listing all nominees to be voted upon.

VIII - 4 - The annual Assembly of the IRE shall elect additional Directors and such of the Corporate Officers as shall also serve as Directors, as provided in the Bylaws. (Since the Bylaws are under the control of the Board of Directors, it would appear that new Officers and additional Directors can be elected by the Assembly).

VIII - 5 - The Board of Directors is authorized to fill a vacancy ..... Geographical Region may fill vacancies in regional directorships, but must do so within sixty days or the Board will fill it.

VIII - 6 - The existence of vacancies on the Board or among the Corporate Officers shall be determined by the Board.

IX - 1 - Annual Assembly of Delegates during January.

IX - 2 - Annual meeting of the Board of Directors during January following the annual Assembly.

IX - 4 - The Board may authorize the establishment of groups of members for promoting the objectives and interests of the IRE in accordance with the Bylaws. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, terminate the existence of any such group.

X - 1 - Constitution Amendments by ballot of the voting members. Amendments proposed by a resolution approved by at least two-thirds of those present at a regular Board meeting or by petition signed by at least one per cent of the total members but not less than one hundred.
X - 2 - Total vote must be at least twenty per cent of the voting membership and at least sixty-seven per cent of all the ballots must be favorable to amend the Constitution.

X - 3 - Amendments take effect thirty days after adoption.

COMMENTS:

The qualifications for members is very sketchy. Constitution are usually more specific in detail in defining who may be a member on the organization in what grade.

NOTES ON IRE BYLAWS

201.1f) Life Member must be 65 years of age.

202.5) Use of emblem on stationery and business cards permitted.

202.10) Why continue STUDENT QUARTERLY if the "Journal" is to be a popular publication? In the absence of competition, money represented here could better be spent elsewhere.

203.1) Fellow required to be a member in any grade for five years. This provision can be waived by the Board of Directors.

203.5b) It would appear here that a high school or high school level trade school could have Student Associates.

204.3) Acceptance in any grade other than Fellow requires two-thirds of affirmative vote of the Admissions Committee.

204.5) The Executive Committee is authorized to act for the Board in electing members ..... or transferring their membership grade except Fellow, and may waive application and reference requirements in which transfer of members from Student to Associate or member grade. (Should this be Member?)

205.1) Each year, the Fellow Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors, nominees for Fellow grade not more than seventy-five in number.
"Admission or transfer to any grade except Fellow may be proposed by a member acting as sponsor by supplying the Admissions Committee sufficient information and testimonials from the required number of references to satisfy the Admissions Committee as to qualifications. Such proposals shall be acted upon by the Admissions Committee and, if approved, transmitted to the Executive Committee. If approved by the Executive Committee, an invitation blank shall be sent to the proposed member inviting him to accept the grade of membership proposed, which membership shall become effective automatically and immediately upon his supplying the biographical and professional information required and paying the necessary dues and fees. The name of the invitee shall be placed on the mailing list for the PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRE immediately upon receipt of dues and fees."

(This explains the supposedly quick response to an application. Apparently all the business of references and the like is taken care of by the "sponsor" so that, when the applicant files his application, it can be accepted upon receipt and he can be put on the rolls.)

The name of every person newly-admitted or transferred to the grade of Senior Member, Member of Associate shall be published in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRE.

Annual dues are $10 for the first three years and $15 thereafter.

Waiver of dues indicated only for "wartime conditions".

Dues bill one month before anniversary date. Second bill after two months including warning that four more months delinquency means termination.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall be appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Directors. Its membership shall be chosen from among those members of the Board whose terms continue through the following year and shall include two Directors who are currently serving the first year of their terms. Its membership may additionally include not more than two junior past Regional Directors.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall submit the name or names of one or more candidates for the office of President and for the office of Vice-President residing elsewhere than in North America and the names of more than one candidate for each of the other elective offices.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall transmit its list of proposed nominees to all Directors at least one week before the date at which the Board of Directors is expected to act upon them.

Each proposed nominee named by the Board of Directors shall be consulted.