

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

At their July 11, 1957 meeting the SSA Board of Directors amended the By-laws to provide for members being represented on the Board on a regional basis. The entire Article defining the Directors was revised and is presented here in its adopted form.

Article IV, Directors

Section 1—The affairs and business of the Society shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 20 (but not less than three) Regional Directors and five Directors-at-Large. Regional Directors will serve a three year term and will be nominated and elected by the membership of the region in which they reside. Directors-at-Large will serve a term of one year and will be elected by the Regional Directors.

The Board of Directors shall divide the United States and other areas at its discretion into regions for the purpose of the election of Regional Directors. These regions will be delineated so as to give consideration to population density of the Society's members and soaring operational patterns, and the number of Regional Directors for each region will be allocated in such a way as to give each region equitable representation in proportion to its membership population.

Members of the Board of Directors elected or serving three year terms at the time this section becomes effective shall be named Regional Directors for the regions in which they are resident and shall serve out their elected term. In 1958 and each succeeding year thereafter, Regional Directors shall be nominated and elected only in those regions where there is a vacancy.

No Director may be nominated for re-election until he has less than one year of his unexpired term to serve.

Any Member can nominate one Member for each vacancy in his region. Each Member nominated by three or more Members from his region will have his name placed on the election ballot. Directors whose terms are expiring and who are eligible for re-election will automatically be placed on the election ballot unless they so decline.

The first annual election under this Section shall be conducted by mail at such a time as to be completed prior to January 1, 1958, and thereafter prior to each January 1. Terms of Directors and Officers serving when this Section becomes effective will be shortened six months thereby.

Section 2—The Board of Directors shall meet whenever called together by the President upon due notice given to each Director or by the Secretary at the request of four Directors, at a meeting of the Board, or written request of four Directors.

Section 3—At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the President, or in his absence, a Vice President, or in the absence of both, a chairman chosen by the Directors, shall preside.

Section 4—The presence of two-fifths of the members of the Board of Directors, in person or by proxy vested in another Member or Director of the Society, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. If fewer are present at the time and place of any regular or special meeting, they may, by majority vote, adjourn from time to time without further notice until a quorum shall attend.

Directors unable to attend a meeting may supply the Secretary with a written proxy to be used for the purpose of voting as instructed by the proxy on agenda items published prior to the convening of the meeting of the Board. A Director may also furnish a written proxy to another Director or other Member of the Society which will permit him to attend the meeting and act and vote on behalf of the absent Director.

Section 5—Any vacancy in the Board of Directors occurring during the year through death, resignation, removal or other cause, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. If it be a Regional Director vacancy it shall be filled from within the region.

If a Regional Director permanently moves his residence outside the region from which he was elected, he shall submit his resignation to the Board

of Directors. If this resignation is accepted by the Board, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by a Member from that region who will be elected by a majority vote of the Directors.

Section 6—By a majority vote of the whole Board, the Directors may designate three of their number to constitute an Executive Committee to serve until its successor shall be appointed which Committee shall have and may exercise, during the intervals between the meetings of said Board, any and all of the powers of the Board of Directors which may be lawfully delegated in the management of the business and affairs of the Society and shall have power to authorize the seal of said Society to be affixed to all papers which may require it.

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The Board then adopted the following regional definitions:

- Region 1—New England
- Region 2—Lower N. Y., N. J., Eastern Pa.
- Region 3—Upper N. Y. (north of Kingston) and Western Pa.
- Region 4—Central Atlantic (Va., W. Va., Del., Md., D. C.)
- Region 5—South East (Tenn., Miss., Ala., Ga., Fla., S. C., N. C.)
- Region 6—Mid-West (Ohio, Mich., Ky.)
- Region 7—North Central (Ill., Ind., Wis., Minn., Iowa, Mo.)
- Region 8—North West (Wash., Ore., Idaho, Mont.)
- Region 9—Rocky Mountain (Colo., Ariz., N. M., Kansas, Neb., S. D., N. D., Utah, Wyo.)
- Region 10—South Central (Tex., Okla., Ark., La.)
- Region 11—Northern California (N. of 36th parallel and Nev.)
- Region 12—Southern California (S. of 36th parallel.)

Each region was allotted Regional Directors as per the accompanying chart on the basis of one Regional Director for approximately each 50 SSA Members in that region. The distribution of our present Regional Directors is shown which will determine where elections are to be held this Fall. Two Regional Directors must be elected as soon as possible to fill the quota of 20 so it was decided to have elections in regions 1 and 7 during August, 1957, since these are the only two that do not have any Regional Directors or Directors-at-Large. The Fall election will be in regions 2 (for two Regional Directors), 7, 8, 9 and 10. This election will erase all but two inequalities, an