

THE SECOND SET OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. -- 1955

This document is identified by the heading "*Fellowship Forum, Palo Alto, California, By-Laws, Effective January 1, 1955.*" Notice that it bears the title "*By-Laws.*"

The new By-Laws show the results of twenty months of operating experience since the first Rules and Regulations were adopted. They are in ten sections: Purpose, Membership, Officers, Standing Committees, Governing Board, Meetings, Elections, Amendments and two new sections -- Dues and Assessments, and Reports.

"Section I - Purpose" is restated in simpler form.

"Section II - Membership" increases the active membership limit to forty men and discontinues the grade of Associate Member. Rules for proposing new members are elaborated in considerable detail and the probability of regular attendance is emphasized. Evidently, difficulties had arisen in these areas. Rules for election of new members are unchanged, i.e., approval by Membership Committee, approval by Governing Board and approval by members present at a meeting. The degree of approval required by each of these bodies is not specified. The minutes of meetings repeatedly mention "unanimous approval."

"Section III - Officers" is unchanged except for the duties of the Treasurer. These are set forth in more detail. In addition, the Treasurer is made an ex-officio member of the Business Committee.

"Section IV - Standing Committees" is revised to remove the previous limitation of three members per committee.

"Section V - Governing Board" is changed by the addition "*Section VIII - Amendments*" is changed to give a three-fourths majority of members present at a meeting the authority to amend the By-Laws. Previously, a three-fourths majority of the active membership was required.

"Section VI - Meetings" is unchanged.

"Section VII - Elections" is altered to make the Chairman of the Program Committee an elected officer of the Forum.

"Section VIII - Amendments" is changed to give a three-fourths majority of members present at a meeting the authority to amend the By-Laws. Previously, a three-fourths majority of the active membership was required.

"Section IX - Dues and Assessments" defines the purpose of dues and sets the rate at \$6.00 per annum. It authorizes special assessments under certain conditions but not to accumulate more than a reasonable surplus.

"Section X - Reports" requires annual written reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committees and other committees as directed by the President.

Four relatively unimportant amendments to these By-Laws were made during the year 1955.