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Mrs. Andy P. Orr
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Dear Andy:

First let me thank you for your help, your persistence, and your patience at the meeting on Saturday.

Attached is my proposed re-draft of the mess we are in, as promised you. Please do not mistake this early-birdism as enthusiasm. The plain truth is that I shall be gone all this week on a trip, shall be home over this coming weekend, and then gone all next week. I am most anxious to see this business completed at the earliest possible date and herewith tender you my own good faith contribution to it.

If I may, a few comments about what I have put down:

1. As I see it, even if we wait upon Elaine Von Oesen's committee to end its job, we shall not be much ahead of the game. From everything I can judge, it is apparent the the committees, sections, round tables - including their name, their job, and their duration, - will be in flux for some time to come, perhaps indefinitely. Nothing that is in flux should be bedded in any organization's permanent rules, ~~which~~ You will note, then, that I have by-passed this junky part, and the part that has already given us the most trouble, by referring those interested to the Handbook. I have tried to keep this from cutting into the heart of the rules and hope I have succeeded. Indeed, I see the Handbook as a nice sort of lost-and-found counter: if you are lost, not sure you have a job or not sure what that job is, consult the handbook. But, if you want to know the rules of the organization, as opposed to any subsidiary work being done, consult the By-Laws.
2. Except for obvious foolishness and contradiction, I put back into my proposal all that ~~had~~ existed in the original Constitution and By-Laws, uncluing a totally useless Corresponding Secretary and 13 useless mentions of the ~~word~~ term "Round Table." Again I sense an unwillingness to question form on the part of the membership. My own inclination is to question severely why a thing should exist at all, what good does it do, isn't there a better name for it, etc. For present purposes I have, as honestly as I could, put these feelings aside and written a document that I think will serve well enough and suit the most number of people.
I mean to ~~say~~ say that I am most agreeable to any suggestions you have, particularly if they accord better with the worn paths than what I have put down.
3. One exception to the amity expressed above (and I think only one) remains. My proposal is still called By-Laws; it provides for no Constitution. In this I am not being arbitrary. I have looked over the present Constitution and By-Laws and see very little that is not tweedle-de-dum and tweedle-de-dee between them. I am frank to say that I cannot bring myself to play games with this, hence I have put it into one document. So much for my view of it.
4. ~~With~~ You feel differently about there being a constitution and a separate By-Laws and that is fine with me. I shall help you, and likely go along with you, on any other suggestion you wish to make, in the hope that we can reach complete agreement on even the minor points.

~~xxxxxxx~~

Confessing my own inability to separate, in any meaningful fashion, what should go into By-Laws and what should go into Constitution, I remain skeptical that it can be done. However, should you manage it, I shall be quite willing to scrap my own proposed document and concur with you.

I hope you will be able to get tto this at your earliest convenience and fire back at me your perposed draft or drafts. I have kept a copy of my own so if you need to refer to it, simply cite it. Above all, feel free to use it, change it, or do with it whatever you wish.

Cordially,

Winston Broadfoot