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Sept 4, 1961

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Haghey
N.C. Library Association
P.O. Box 2889
Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Haghey:

Your letter catches me today just before departing for a week's trip. I hasten to answer to clear up your question and to keep from being well overdue when I would next get to it.

When the Constitution and By-laws are re-drafted by the present committee, I see their duty as turning the document over to the Executive Committee for whatever action the Executive Committee sees fit to take. Quite possibly this would be a general discussion with recommendations for specific changes, which we would be glad to make. Then a reporting back to the Executive Committee for their final approval. Maybe a couple of sessions with the Executive Committee to hash over the document.

In any event I would think it quite important that the revised document, at whatever time it is presented to the general membership for adoption or rejection, have the approval of the Executive Committee. I do not believe the present Constitution and By-laws Committee, were it so minded, is authorized to report direct to the membership at any time.

With this all before me, I still have no clear notion of schedule or times, which is the question you ask. I don't know when the Executive Committee ordinarily meets nor when about the usual meeting times for the full membership. In the latest issue of North Carolina Libraries I note a Durham meeting late this October. Certainly that would not allow time even if the document were now ready (which I sorry to say it isn't) to follow through adequately on the above procedures.

The real hold-up is still with us, for which I apologize again. I think the document can be drawn and passed about in our committee in a week's time - when I can get the week. Then it would await the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Cordially,

Winston Broadfoot