

*For Paul Stevens*

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DATE: October 29, 1992  
TO: WNGGA Governing Documents Review Committee:

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FROM: Ellis Jones, [redacted] West Jefferson, St. Peter, MN 56082-1510  
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SUBJECT: Committee Appointment

This note confirms my understanding that you have all agreed to serve as the Governing Documents Review Committee. Each of you had indicated this as a high priority item in the preference card handed in at the Board of Trustees meeting last September 6. To avoid misunderstanding, I include below some information on the work of the Committee.

1. The appointment is for 1 year or until the final report has been submitted.
2. We will want a progress report by the time of the spring Board of Trustees meeting in April in Windsor, Ontario, so that if action is to be taken at the Business Meeting at the 1993 National Gymanfa Ganu in Wilkes Barre, we will have time to distribute whatever is needed.
3. We ask that the Committee review particularly the yellow covered booklet entitled "Constitution." If you do not have one, please contact Nelson to have one sent to you.

A copy of my letter to Paul Stevens is enclosed to each of you to let you know that Paul has agreed to be in touch with the Internal Revenue Service. If it turns out that changes need to be made in the Articles of Incorporation, we'll be hearing from Paul on that.

Please note the following Article in the Constitution:

### ARTICLE XXII AMENDMENTS

- a) The Constitution may be amended by a 75% vote of the members at an Annual Meeting of the Association. The amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

- b) Any proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least thirty days prior to an Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall immediately mail a copy of such proposed amendments to the members of the Board of Trustees.

It would be my understanding that since the Annual Business Meeting in 1993 will be on Saturday, September 4, any proposed amendments must be sent to Nelson by at least August 5. As pointed out above, if any proposed amendments can be ready by April, we'll be able to meet the deadlines in plenty of time.

- 4. Specific changes which the Committee should look at are the following:
  - a. Establishment of an appointed position of Executive Director whose responsibilities shall be to manage the International Headquarters. This may require a new Article separate from Article IX-- Election and Eligibility of Officers. A reason for this is that in these days, a person who is identified as the Executive Director is perceived as having more authority to act on behalf of the organization than Secretary.
  - b. Article XVI--Dues currently contains specific amounts about which there seems to be substantial agreement to change from \$20 for Life membership and \$5 for annual membership to a higher rate for annual and a substantially higher rate for life. What do you folks recommend?
  - c. Review the wording and sequence of the parts of the entire document - Is it logical and easy to understand? Is there terminology which should be modified to be more up to date?
  - d. Such other changes as you may deem appropriate and necessary!

Your assistance on this very important committee is tremendously appreciated. The results of your deliberation will help strengthen the organization to meet its long standing goals. You have my personal best wishes for success in the task.

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c: Paul Stevens

8 West Jefferson  
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October 29, 1992

Att'y Paul Stevens  
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Dear Paul:

This note confirms our conversation last weekend in Scranton in which I asked if you would contact the IRS to ascertain what needs to be done to secure a 501-c-3 classification.

As I explained, it would be advantageous for us to have that classification to not only assure persons who make contributions to the organization that their contribution is tax deductible under this classification but also since we are non-profit, to assist receiving any possible waiver of tax claims in states where we might hold or sponsor special national events.

It is my understanding that you have agreed to do undertake this task. Because we don't know how long such a process might take, let's leave the time frame open, but with April 1 as a time for a "progress report" to the Board through me.

A copy of this note is being sent to the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee so that they will know what has been sent to you. Also enclosed with this note to you is a copy of the letter sent to them so that you will know what they are being asked to do.

It was really great seeing you and Janet in Scranton. Hope your return to Ohio went well. I returned to Minnesota and 80-plus degree weather--not our typical Minnesota fall climate!

Thanks again for your assistance on this project, Paul!

Sincerely,

*Ellis*  
Ellis J. Jones  
National President

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Enclosure

c: Governing Documents Review Committee (Jack Lewis, Nelson Llewellyn, Don Mills, Alfred Reese Jr., Patricia Viets)