

Study of the By-laws as they relate to our Committee structure.

A. Proposed changes to By-laws: (new language is in **bold**; removed language is in [brackets] and underlined.

(1) III. COMMITTEES: Several standing committees serve as agents of the Council. Additional **ad hoc** committees may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Council as needs dictate. ...

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(2) III.B.1. CURRICULUM: ... Composition: Because of its centrality to the raison d'être of 5CLIR, the committee shall number **from 15 to 18 members**. [10% of the total membership or no fewer than fifteen members.]

(3) Remove III.B.5. SPECIAL EVENTS [the whole paragraph].

(4) Substitute new III.B.5.: **SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE. This Committee plans and conducts programs of interest to the members which are not included in the responsibilities of the Committees mentioned in paragraphs III.B.1 to 4, 6 and 7. Each such program will operate as a Subcommittee of this Committee. Such programs include, but are not limited to: Special Events, Great Decisions, Conversations over Coffee and Computer Group. Subcommittees may be added or dropped as needs and interests vary.**

B. The Committee on Committees wishes to call your attention to the following:

(1) Newsletter/Publicity is listed as one Committee in the By-laws.

(2) According to III.A. the Chairperson of each Committee shall serve for two-year terms and Committee members will serve for three-year terms.

From the By-laws:

I.A.4. MEETINGS: ... Chairpersons of Standing Committees are invited to attend Council Meetings (without vote) *to present brief reports* and to discuss matters of relevance to their Committees.

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS. {majority of the Council must approve, followed by a vote of the General Membership - "a yea-vote of two-thirds of those members present and voting, the amendment is enacted."}

* The Committee consisted of Ted Belsky (Chair), Ed Buck, Chuck Gillies and Naomi Yanis.