

THE FOURTH SET OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. -- 1958

This document is titled "*The Fellowship Forum of Palo Alto, California, Rules and Regulations, Amended June 10, 1958.*" The word "Amended" is rather confusing and "Adopted" or "Effective" seem more appropriate because the Rules were prepared as a complete new issue and subsequently were amended three times.

The Fourth Set is a verbatim copy of the Third Set of Rules to which another type of membership is added. Active Members, unable to attend meetings regularly because of health or physical disability, may be made Life Members by actions of the Membership Committee and the Governing Board. Life Members are to pay no dues and are relieved of all other obligations of Active Members.

The first amendment to these Rules was called an "*Appendix*" and is dated October 25, 1960. It provides for a complete overhaul and general tightening of requirements for the election of new members. The secret ballot is adopted for all relevant voting procedures of the Membership Committee, the Forum members and the Governing Board. Unanimous approval of candidates for membership is required of both the Membership Committee and the Governing Board. The degree of approval required from Forum members is not specified. This is left to a final judgment of the Governing Board. For the first time in the history of the Forum, the vote of the membership is made subservient to the vote of one man - any member of the Governing Board.

The second Amendment to the Rules of June 10, 1958 is not recorded in any of the copies of the Rules that I have seen. However, a letter is in the files from President Charles A. Powel to Secretary Lewis J. Evans, dated June 25, 1963, informing the Secretary that on that date the Forum had voted to raise the membership limit from 45 to 50 Active Members. This is covered in the next set of Rules and Regulations dated August 1, 1964.

A third amendment, not recorded in the Rules and Regulations of June 10, 1958, is mentioned in the Secretary's annual report for 1962. It states that the membership had voted during the year to add the Chairmen of the Business Committee and of the Membership Committee to the Governing Board. The date is not given. This change is included in the next set of Rules dated August 1, 1964.