

THE FIFTH SET OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. -- 1964

This issue is headed "*The Fellowship Forum of Palo Alto, California, Rules and Regulations as of August 1, 1964.*" It differs from the Rules it supersedes only with respect to the processing of proposals for new members. We have observed these problems in evidence as early as August 1951.

Previously, The Membership Committee accepted nominations at any time and acted upon them as received. If approved, and the candidate desired membership, but no vacancy existed, the Secretary filed the approved proposal until a vacancy developed. An election was then held. The new Rules of August 1, 1964 introduce the idea of a thirty-day period during which proposals are to be accepted by the Membership Committee. This period starts when one or more vacancies are announced by the Presiding Officer. At the end of the thirty-day period, the Membership Committee considers all proposals before it, without regard to the order in which they were received. The Committee then chooses and recommends, if available, a number of approved candidates equaling the number of vacancies announced by the President. As previously mentioned, the Membership Committee votes by secret ballot and unanimous approval is required.

As in the past, the list of approved candidates is then submitted to the Secretary who distributes election ballots to the Active Members. After 10 days, the secret ballots returned to the Secretary are submitted to the Governing Board for consideration. Upon unanimous approval of the Governing Board by secret ballot, candidates stand elected to Active Membership.

The Fifth Set of Rules and Regulations was amended on November 16, 1965 by changing Life Membership to Inactive Membership. Included in the Inactive category are members unable to attend meetings regularly for reasons not connected with health or physical disability.

A second amendment was adopted on September 10, 1968. This stipulates that three or more negative votes by Active Members of the Forum shall disqualify a candidate. The final decision is left with the Active Members and not with the Governing Board whose members have already voted as Active Members. A second vote by members of the Governing Board is not required.