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This is volume VI, Number 4 of DIPLOMACY REVIEW, official Journal of the IDA/NA. It comes from Ben Grossman, present Periodicals Editor and is being sent to all members by my lists; along with other interested persons.

Elections: Below will be found a list of all persons nominated for each office for this year's elections. Anyone wishing to run MUST send me a letter stating which ONE office he/she will run for, along with a brief statement for publication if so desired; BEFORE 10 DECEMBER 1977.

OTHER ACTIONS: By unanimous vote, a in-person meeting of the IDA/NA Council at GENCON X (all members except Brooks present) voted to remove Steve Brooks as Treasurer and Alan Rowland as Novice Project Director should either one fail to contact the President and Periodicals Editor before 1 September 1977 concerning the execution of the responsibilities of their offices. Neither one did so, and they are both removed. This leaves the office of Treasurer open, and replacement election would have been held had time permitted. Anyone who sent Steve Brooks money for a renewal or new membership, or knows of anyone who did, is advised to cancel payment and send new funds to Bob Hartwig.

NAMINATIONS: President: David Burke, Eric Verheiden, Greg Costikyan, Roger Oliver, Edi Birsan, Doug Beyerlein, Walt Buchanan, Cal White, John Baker, Bob Hartwig.
Treasurer: Andy Cook, Doug Beyerlein, Edi Birsan, John Baker, Gerg Costikyan, Walt Buchanan, Bob Hartwig.
Ombudsman: Andy Cook, David Burke, Henry Kelley, Gerg Costikyan, Doug Beyerlein, Edi Birsan, John Baker.
Periodicals Editor: Bob Lipton, Doug Beyerlein, Edi Birsan, Greg Costikyan, Bob Hartwig, Fred Davis Jr, Jerry Jones, Andy Cook.
Special Projects Editor: Greg Costikyan, Edi Birsan, Konrad Baumeister, Doug Beyerlein, Edi Birsan.
US Projects Chair: Doug Beyerlein, Edi Birsan, Andy Cook, Greg Costikyan, Steve McLendon, Jerry Jones.
Canadian Projects Chair: Cal White, Laurence Gillespie, Donald Wileman, John Leeder.

ACCEPTANCE: Anyone wishing to Accept nomination for any office MUST inform me, IN WRITING, of his intention to do so. Along with your acceptance you may include a brief statement (up to 500 words) concerning your positions, etc. A further issue DR with acceptances and such statements as are submitted will be published, along with the ballot sometime during the week following the deadline for acceptances, 10 DECEMBER 1977.

As an effectively impartial party, I will receive and count the votes at my NY address with the aide of whatever other IDA/NA members/officers I can scare up during Christmas break (to Jan 15.). I will then send the ballots and results to the newly elected Periodicals Editor, for him to begin his duties with.

This doesn't square perfectly with the present rules, but is the best thing I can put together at this time in view of the delays involved in getting this out (school, school, other zines, girls, parties, lack of payemnt....).

TREASURER: As you can see above, Bob Hartwig has taken over as treasurer until the new officers can be elected. On the flip side is a further discussion of this matter. Briefly, we still don't know what has happened to the Treasury, except that Len Lakofka and Steve Brooks have both done nothing about it wahtever!

OFFICERS:

President: none

Ombudsman: John Baker, Centre College, Danville KY 40422

Treasurer: none, Bob Hartwig, Acting.

Periodicals Editor: Ben Grossman, 323 Speakman, U of Penn, 3700 Spruce St, Phila
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Special Projects Editor: Greg Costikyan, Box 865, Brown U, Providence RI 02912

US Projects Chair: Bob Hartwig, 304 Slater Hall, U of Iowa, Iowa City Iowa 52242

CAN. Projects Chair: Cal White, 1 Turnberry Ave, Toronto Ontario CANADA m6n 1p6

The Treasury: After the motion passed on the previous page, I heard nothing from Steve Brooks, and he was therefore removed from office by action of the Council. Len Lakofka, as per our agreement would then take over the duties of the Treasurer in addition to his post as President until new elections were held to fill all of the Council posts.

Since then, I have heard nothing whatsoever from Len Lakofka, altho word of mouth and zine informs me that he has moved without leaving any forwarding address. This I have taken to be tantamount to a resignation from his post as President. He has further folded his zine, Laisons Dangerouses.

I have recently received a letter from Bob Hartwig in which he states that he has talked to Steve Brooks, and that Steve will turn the Treasury over to him, Bob. I was informed that Steve would first send me a check for the amounts of the last 2 DRs. I have since heard nothing from either Bob or Steve, but still have high hope that this transfer has taken place, since Bob has proven to be a trustworthy and reliable member of the Council, much more so than anyone else except John Baker.

However, from the present moment forward, I will consider Bob to be Treasurer, and all Memberships Dues (\$2/year) checks should be sent to him. Hopefully he will soon have the remainder of the Treasury in his possession. Otherwise, I will be forced to take actions I don't really want to, which is to say, requesting that the DA's in Chicago and Great Falls investigate a case of Theft against Steve Brooks and Len Lakofka for the sum of some \$400+ which is the IDA/NA treasury. I doubt if this will have any effect...However, there are other steps I can and WILL take to force these, ah, individuals, to get off their asses and get a move on of some sort. (Letters to the AF Command, Steve.... and to the Illios Bar, Len....).

Other matters of interest: Mike Muchnik has been forced to fold his zine, Valinor, and the games are presently being distributed by DNYMPA. Haven't seen a DW in some time, Walt+Conrad...Ron Kelly and Dave Ross have mad a complaint against the actions of Alan Rowland as novice Chairman, but since is isn't that any more... Cal White has taken over as of 1 November as Boardman Numbers Custodian from Co-Custodians Doug and Marie Beyerlein. Robert Sacks is still Miller Numbers Custodian, regardless of rumours about a Micheal S(something). Brad Hessel is Capo-di-Tutti-Frutt of DNYMPA. Edi Birsan is still in Europe, last I heard, and considering a 2-year tour of the orient after this (singapore, etc.) Haven't heard about a veto from Carol/Yvonne. Jeremy Pauslon is still doing nothing with himself. Any other news out there?

COUNCIL DOINGS: None. We haven't done or even proposed doing anything. However, by acclaim the meeting at DipCon X approved the charter of the DipCon Selection Committee, which is attached from your edification. In theory, the IDA/NA was to approve this as well, and I think, provide some initial support. I'll see what can be done to get an approval thru the council for Next issue.

GLASC (Greater Los Angeles Simulation Convention) has been chosen as the site of 1978's DipConXI, write to Russel Fox for more details.

----Ben.

CHARTER OF THE DIPCON SOCIETY

1. Membership and Purposes

The DipCon Society has as its sole purpose the selection of the site of the annual DipCon. It is established by the International Diplomacy Association/North America, but is independent of that body.

Each member of the current year's DipCon is considered a member of the DipCon Society until the end of that DipCon.

2. Selection

2.1 At each DipCon, balloting for the selection of the site of the following year's DipCon shall take place. Each member of the DipCon Society is entitled to cast a ballot, and each member has one vote.

2.2 Any individual or group wishing to administer the next year's DipCon (hereafter referred to as "bidding parties") must make its intentions known to the individual or group administering the current year's DipCon (hereafter referred to as the "convention committee") at least six weeks before the current year's Convention is held. Each bidding party must also inform the convention committee of the entrance fee it plans to charge by mail and at the door should its bid be successful.

2.3 The convention committee must print a ballot listing all bidding parties. One copy of this ballot must be mailed to all pre-registered members of the current year's DipCon, at least four weeks before the DipCon is held; and one copy must be made available to all persons joining the convention at-the-door. Included with this ballot must be a pamphlet describing the location each bidding party plans to hold the convention at, as well as the rates each bidding party plans to charge, as well as any other information the convention committee deems necessary or useful.

2.4 These ballots may either be returned by mail (in which case they must be received by the convention committee before the current year's DipCon begins), or they may be returned at the convention.

2.5 Balloting shall be by "Australian Ballot."

2.6 The DipCon shall be held in rotation in each of three different regions, which regions are defined below. In the first year in which the DipCon site is selected according to this procedure, the site may be chosen in any region; using this site as a starting point, the site shall then rotate in the order Eastern Region, Central Region, Western Region. If a Convention is held in one region in one year, it must be held in the next region in rotational order in the next, unless rotation is put aside according to the procedure outlined below.

Eastern Region: All areas of North America and the Caribbean to the east of the boundary between the Eastern and Central Time Zones.

Central Region: All areas of North America and the Caribbean in the Central Time Zone.

Western Region: All areas of North America to the west of the boundary between the Central and Mountain Time Zones.

2.7 Parties may bid for the DipCon even if their bid would necessitate holding the Convention outside of the correct region; however, vote total for such bids are halved when it is determined which bidding party is to become the convention committee for the following year.

2.8 By the end of the DipCon, the convention committee must determine which bidding party is to become the new convention committee; the bidding party receiving a majority of the votes according to the "Australian Ballot" system becomes the new convention committee. The old convention committee must announce to the bidding parties and to the members of the DipCon Society which bidding party is the new convention committee.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 The current convention committee is responsible for holding a DipCon which must include as one of its events a Diplomacy tournament. In addition, the convention committee is responsible for the administration of balloting for the selection of the following year's convention site.

3.2 The current convention committee is responsible for the publication of two documents; one informing the members of the previous year's DipCon that the committee has been successful in its bid (which document must be published within six months of the previous convention); and one including general information on rates, accommodations, and so forth, to be sent to all pre-registered members.

3.3 The Convention committee is also responsible for providing facilities for a meeting of the International Diplomacy Association/North America to be held at the DipCon.

3.4 The convention committee must allow persons to become "non-attending members" of the DipCon by payment of a fee not to exceed \$3; such members are entitled to vote for the site of the following year's DipCon, but are not entitled to attend the convention.

4. Amendments and Business Meetings

4.1 At each DipCon, a business meeting of the DipCon Society shall be held, to be chaired by a member of the current DipCon chosen by the convention committee.

4.2 The time and location for this meeting must be clearly posted by the convention committee at least forty-eight hours before the meeting begins. Any member of the convention may attend the meeting.

4.3 The only business that the meeting may consider are amendments to this constitution and other such incidental business as may be necessary.

4.4 This Charter may be amended by two-thirds vote of those members of the DipCon Society present at the business meeting.

4.5 Amendments shall go into effect at the close of the convention in which they are approved.

5. Enactment Clause

This Charter shall go into effect at the close of the convention in which it is ratified by the membership of that convention, subsequent to later ratification by the Council of the International Diplomacy Association/North America.

Proposed (and unanimously approved) by Greg Costikyan and Dave Kadlecak at DipCon X held in conjunction with GenCon X at Lake Geneva WI during August 1977.