



REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE, CARATS, INC.

CONCLAVE GENERAL MEETING, Friday, June 13, 2018

All Chapters were asked to send copies of their local Constitution and Bylaws to the National Corresponding Secretary and National Parliamentarian by October 15, 2017. All Chapters complied.

Chapters were notified to submit proposed By-Law amendments to the Constitution and By-Law Committee by Thursday, February 1, 2018. The Committee did not receive any amendments by that date; however, we received two (2) proposed amendments in March from the ***Budget and Finance Committee*** proposing a change to Article X, Section 2(a) of the By-Laws pertaining to the increase of the Per Capita Fee **to Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** payable by October 15th as a onetime payment and one from the ***Membership Committee*** Article VI Sections 5-7 which pertains to accepting daughters of CARATS to be a Legacy Member. The two proposed copies of the above are attached.

The Constitution Committee recommended that the proposed Constitution and By-law changes from the Budget and Finance Committee and that from the Membership Committee move forward to be considered at Conclave in Macon during the General Meeting in July, 2018.

The Ethics Committee at the Mid-Year Board Meeting submitted a proposed amendment to include the words "Ethics Administrative Board" to the current wording and to be included in the Constitution/Bylaws and Policy and Guidelines. Copy of proposed amendment is attached. The Executive Board voted to move forward the proposed three amendments for a vote at Conclave in Macon during the General Meeting.

Official language and descriptor for the Audit Committee and the Archives Committee has been composed and included in the Constitution and Bylaws which was approved Conclave 2017.

We thank the Chapters for their support and cooperation in adhering to the deadlines given and it was our pleasure and honor to have been of service to all the members of CARATS, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carat Stephanie Cole (Chicago)