

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PFRA BY-LAWS

PFRA has a set of by-laws that govern the Association's operation. At present, the by-laws require that PFRA hold a meeting of the Board of Directors every year. In the late 1980's, the meetings were usually held at the Hall of Fame in Canton and drew about 10-12 members (not just members of the Board) who shared research and socialized. In the 1990's, the meetings never drew more than eight members. The last meeting was held in 1998. For the last three years, the Board of Directors simply waived the meeting because of lack of interest and lack of pressing business.

The Association does not feel the need for annual meetings. Therefore, I propose that the by-laws be amended to provide for meetings every other year, and more often if the President so directs.

I propose that the first sentence of Article VII, section 2, be amended to read as follows: "The Board of Directors shall conduct a meeting at least every other year. It shall also meet at any other times and places determined by the president. Except when the president declares an emergency, meetings shall be announced two months in advance through publication in the Coffin Corner, and they shall be open to all members of the Association."

I also propose that Article X, section 1, be amended. This section governs amendments to the by-laws. It requires that "any proposed amendment must be submitted to the membership in writing, either by personal mail or by publication in the Coffin Corner, at least one month prior to the date of the beginning of the annual meeting of members." I propose that the words after the last comma be replaced by the words "with a voting period of at least one month." This change is necessary because of the absence of annual meetings.

I know that these matters are very dry and of no interest to most members. Nevertheless, you are encouraged to vote your approval or disapproval by communication to Bob Carroll by March 1, 2002. The result of the referendum will be published in the Coffin Corner after that date.