

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER, ACLUVA

This year six vacancies are to be filled by election to the Board of Directors of the Central Virginia Chapter of the ACLUVA. In accordance with our by-laws the names listed below are the nominees provided by a nominating committee and by petition of eight members.

Vote for only SIX (6) of the following nominees. The 5 receiving the largest number of votes will serve a full three-year term; the 1 with the least number of votes will fill an unexpired term.

Return this ballot for Chapter Board members with the enclosed ballot on the Chapter by-laws to: Alan Ritter / 114 Buckingham Road / Charlottesville, Va. 22903. Mr. Ritter, secretary of the Chapter, must receive your votes before the joint Bill of Rights Dinner/Chapter Annual Meeting on December 15, 1970. A return envelope is provided for your convenience.

BALLOT: CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS

(Check no more than SIX (6) of the following)

L.D. Cooley; owner of University Cafeteria

Mrs. Richard Coughlin; researcher

Lawrence Cranberg; Physics Department, UVA

Fred Diehl; Biology Department, UVA

William Elwood; English Department, UVA; Ass't to Pres. Shannon for special programs

Richard Garnett, Jr.; Psychiatry Department; UVA; Dir. Blue Ridge Community Mental Health Center

Robert Langbaum; English Department, UVA

Kevin Mannix; Student President, UVA

Glenn Stone; Material Science Department, UVA

Michael Wilkins; Biomedical Engineering Department, UVA

Jay Worrall; Coordinator, Offenders' Aid and Restoration

BALLOT FOR CHAPTER BY-LAWS: Select one alternative (See enclosed by-law changes)

I approve all proposed amendments

I disapprove all proposed amendments

I approve all proposed amendments except the following: _____.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE ACLU OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA

(See enclosed ballot)

The Board recommends that the members approve the following amendments to the Bylaws. According to Article X, Paragraph 2 of the Bylaws, "amendments approved by two-thirds of the votes cast shall be deemed adopted."

Background. Our Bylaws were drafted early in 1967 when we were the only entity of the ACLU on the Virginia horizon. Upon their promulgation we became a full-fledged affiliate of the national ACLU. With the formation later in 1967 of the ACLU of Virginia our local organization became a chapter of the new statewide affiliate. Our Bylaws should reflect this change in status from affiliate to chapter; many of the proposed amendments are intended merely to do this.

Instructions on voting. You may vote (1) to approve all amendments proposed below; (2) to approve none of the amendments; or (3) to approve all amendments except those you separate for disapproval. The ballot follows the listing of Chapter Board nominees.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. Changes in nomenclature (passim).

<u>Present Language</u>	<u>Proposed Language</u>
A. Corporation	organization
B. Executive Board	Board of Directors (or, where no ambiguity results, simply <u>Board</u>)

(Explanation. As the only ACLU presence in Virginia, we anticipated possible incorporation. As a chapter of the incorporated Virginia affiliate of ACLU, we no longer do so. Change 1B is purely formal.)

NOTE: For all proposed amendments that follow, the suggested new language is underscored, whereas present language whose deletion is proposed is enclosed by parentheses.

- ARTICLE I. Purpose. Paragraph 1. The purpose of the (Corporation) organization shall be to further the objectives of the (national) American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, Inc., and of the American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.
- ARTICLE I. Purpose. Paragraph 2. This (Corporation) organization shall be and operate as (an affiliate) a chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, Inc.
- ARTICLE I. Purpose. (Paragraph 3. This Corporation shall be in all respects the successor to the unincorporated association bearing its name).
- ARTICLE II. Membership. Paragraph 1. The membership of this (Corporation) organization shall consist of all members of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, Inc., residing within the operational area of this (Corporation) organiza-
tion (, to wit: the city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia; the Virginia cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro; and the Virginia counties of Nelson, Fluvanna, Louisa, Orange, Greene, Madison, Culpeper, Amherst, Rock-bridge, Augusta, and Rockingham). This operational area shall be defined by the

American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, Inc. and shall include the city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia. (Membership in a statewide affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, Inc., which hereafter may be formed in Virginia, shall not be a bar to simultaneous membership in this Corporation.)

6. ARTICLE III. Meetings of Members. Paragraph 1. Annual meetings of the members shall be held during (the month of) either November or December of each year.... (Explanation: It has been difficult in practice to hold our annual meeting in November. The proposed change offers needed flexibility).
7. ARTICLE IV. (Executive Board). Board of Directors. Paragraph 1. The direction and administration of this (Corporation) organization between membership meetings, except as otherwise provided (by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or) by these Bylaws, shall be conducted and managed by its (Executive Board) Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board.
8. ARTICLE IV. Paragraph 2.(The terms of the members of the Executive Board who are appointed in the Articles of Incorporation shall be the same as the terms to which they were elected as members of the executive board of the unincorporated association of which this Corporation is the successor.)
9. ARTICLE IV. Paragraph 5. Members of the (Executive) Board who fail to attend three consecutive meetings without advance notice or adequate explanation communicated to the Secretary (may) shall be dropped from membership on the (Executive) Board (by majority vote of the Executive Board).
10. ARTICLE V. Meetings of (Executive) Board of Directors. Paragraph 1. An annual meeting of the (Executive) Board shall be held (as soon as practicable) not more than thirty days after the annual meeting of the members of the (Corporation) organization. The time and place of this annual meeting of the Board shall be decided immediately after the annual membership meeting. (Explanation. Newly elected Board members are announced at the annual membership meeting. The primary purpose of the annual Board meeting is to allow the Board to elect officers for the next year. The proposed amendment is intended to encourage the new Board to elect its officers at the earliest opportunity to do so.)
11. ARTICLE VI. Nomination and Election of Members of the (Executive) Board of Directors. Paragraph 1. The (Executive) Board, by majority vote, shall elect a nominating committee at least three months before the annual membership meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of not less than three members of whom not more than one shall be (a) an elected member of the (Executive) Board.... (Explanation. We intend that only those Board members elected by the members of the chapter, but not those chosen by the Board to fill unexpired terms on the Board, be eligible for membership on the nominating committee).
12. ARTICLE VI. Paragraph 4. The count of ballots shall be completed prior to (the date of) the annual membership meeting.
13. ARTICLE VII. Officers; Election of Officers and of Executive Committee; Employees. Paragraph 1.(The Executive Board will elect a representative to the National Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.) (Explanation. The

expanded title for this article better reflects its content. The proposed deletion is needed because only affiliates, but not chapters, may be represented on the National Board).

14. ARTICLE VII. Paragraph 2. The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually by the (Executive) Board from among its elected members at its annual meeting (, following the annual membership meeting). (Explanation. The Executive Committee includes three officers -- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary -- plus two other Board members. The language whose deletion we propose is unnecessary; see explanation for Amendment 10).
15. ARTICLE VII. (Paragraph 4. All officers, employees and members of the Executive Board shall be bound by the resolution of February 5, 1940, of the American Civil Liberties Union, Inc., relating to governing personnel (which resolution is appended to these Bylaws), so long as said resolution is in force.) (Explanation. The 1940 Resolution is in fact no longer in force. Many felt it bore too uncomfortable resemblance to a loyalty oath. In any case, it has now been struck down by the National Board. We see no reason to retain it in our own Bylaws.).
16. ARTICLE VIII. Committees. (Paragraph 2. The chairman of each standing committee shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend all meetings of the Executive Board and participate in all discussions, except that in his capacity as chairman, he shall have no vote and shall not be counted for any purpose in determining the number of members of the Executive Board.) (Explanation. This section seems to us unnecessary. We see no danger that, by deleting it, chairmen of standing committees will in the future be slighted.).
17. (ARTICLE IX. Chapters). (Explanation. We propose deletion of this whole article, which had potential application only when we enjoyed affiliate status. Now that we are ourselves a chapter of the Virginia affiliate, we can no longer subdivide ourselves into smaller chapters.)
18. (ARTICLE XI. Sundry Provisions.) (Explanation. The three paragraphs of this article deal with the site of a principal office, fiscal year, and check-signing procedures. We believe these provisions to be more appropriate for an affiliate of ACLU than for a chapter of an affiliate. In any case, check-signing procedures may be handled easily by policy, and need not be enshrined in a bylaw).
19. (Appended text of 1940 Resolution). See Amendment 15 and explanation thereof.
20. We propose the following new ARTICLE I; this amendment, if adopted, would necessitate the re-numbering of the existing articles.
ARTICLE I. Name. The name of the organization shall be the American Civil Liberties Union of Central Virginia.

(See ballot form for voting procedure on the above amendments)