

☆ EDITORIAL ☆

Report of the Retiring President of the Society for General Semantics

THE OPPORTUNITY to participate in the gratifying development of the Society for General Semantics during the past two years has been made the more rewarding by the extraordinary spirit of cooperation on the part of all those who have given freely of their time and effort to provide as fully as possible for the perpetuation of Alfred Korzybski's constructive and liberating contributions toward a more adequate human society.

That the development has, indeed, been gratifying is indicated by the following outstanding facts: As of June 30, 1945, the Society for General Semantics had 290 members; as of May 5, 1947, it had 1025 members. In slightly less than two years there has been approximately a 250 per cent increase in membership. During the same period the circulation of *ETC.* has increased correspondingly from approximately 540 to about 1500 and at the same time the magazine has been enlarged. Moreover, there have been sixteen issues of the newsletter, *Quote*, which was first published in April, 1945, and which is distributed free to all Society members. Another particularly important aspect of the Society growth is to be seen in the fact that there are now eleven local chapters of the Society, as follows: Boston, Detroit, Greendale (Wisconsin), Los Angeles, New York, Pasadena, St. Paul, Sydney (Australia), University of Chicago, University of Iowa, and Winnipeg (Canada). The extent to which general semantics is

being applied in clinics and laboratories, in industry, government, etc., and the extent to which it is being taught in colleges and universities is difficult to measure because much of such activity is casual and informal, much of the teaching goes on under a variety of course titles, other than that of 'general semantics,' and there is no continuous survey machinery for obtaining relevant information. Textbook sales, however, published articles, correspondence, 'grapevine reports,' etc. leave no doubt that the spread of general semantics during the past two years has been accelerated and extensive. Finally, since June 30, 1945, it has been possible for the Society to make payments amounting to over \$2,000.00 to the Institute of General Semantics.

There have, of course, been problems, some of them serious and perplexing. In fact, the Society for General Semantics faced in 1945 the bedrock problem of insuring its own development to a degree essential to the realization of its fundamental objective. That objective, as stated in the original charter, has been from the beginning to provide a recognized channel through which students of general semantics, in their diverse fields of work and in their various ways, might cooperate as effectively as possible. The Society was designed, therefore, to make possible a suitable medium of publication and exchange of information concerning the work and interests of students of general

semantics; to contribute financial support to the Institute of General Semantics and to stimulate in other possible ways the study and application of general semantics and to promote scholarship and scientific research relevant to its clarification, refinement and further development.

It turned out to be of special significance that under the original charter of the Society, adopted in April, 1942, provision was made for the payment to the Institute of General Semantics of a stated proportion of Society membership dues: 'Out of all membership fees of whatever classification, Five Dollars (\$5) from each annual membership and Five Dollars (\$5) annually for each existing Honorary Membership shall be retained by the Society for its own activities, publications and maintenance; the balance shall be turned over to the Institute of General Semantics to be used in whatever way its Board of Trustees and Directors see fit.'

It was hoped that in this way substantial financial support of the Institute might be effected. An audited financial statement is being prepared for publication in *ETC.*, but certain basic information may be presented at this time. The most important statement to be made is this: the original provision, formulated in advance of practical experience, proved to provide considerably less than had been hoped for; from April of 1942 to June of 1945, the arrangement had secured only \$2258.00 for the Institute, and the Society was in arrears to the extent of \$166.75 (paid November 29, 1945). At the same time these payments had involved such a severe drain on Society funds that by 1945 it had become clear that the very continuation of the Society was being seriously endangered.

For this reason, and also because by the spring of 1946 the administrative experience of the Governing Board had

made it obvious that the Society's functions and operating procedures were not sufficiently well defined in the original charter, a constitutional committee was appointed in April, 1946. This committee was composed of Dr. C. B. Congdon, Karl Hauch, Charles Kluss, and Victor Rubin, under the chairmanship of Irving J. Lee. The committee prepared a new constitution which more adequately defines the Society's organizational structure and operational procedures and more clearly indicates the designation of essential responsibilities. After approval by the Governing Board on July 14, 1946, this constitution was submitted to the membership and was ratified by a vote of 271 to 13. The new constitution became effective as of November 15, 1946.

The original charter of the Society and the new constitution are reproduced in the present issue of *ETC.* at the end of this report. The new constitution provides that 'Financial contributions from Society funds shall be made to the Institute of General Semantics by two-thirds vote of the Governing Board.'

The provision was phrased in this way, after thorough and conscientious deliberation, because the Governing Board's experience with a specified commitment relative to the division and distribution of Society revenue had been such as to make quite clear that, at least until the financial stability of the organization becomes well established, a more flexible arrangement is definitely essential to the Society's continued existence. The present Governing Board acted, therefore, to provide for continuing financial support of the Institute, while avoiding the essential irresponsibility of committing future Governing Boards to specific financial obligations for which no corresponding resources could be assured. It was a simple case of changing the map to fit the territory.

In spite of the fact that the rising costs of publishing *ETC.* and conducting the other activities basic to the Society's existence and growth have made it impossible to make payments in full and consistently on time to the Institute under the original charter commitment, payments have been made to the Institute, to the extent that Society funds would permit, as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2-12-43	\$1085.00
8-13-44	573.00
5-17-45	700.00
11-29-45	166.75
4- 8-46	1000.00
5- 5-47	941.50
Total, to date	\$4466.25

The substantial payment of May 5, 1947, was made possible, not by membership dues but by the unprecedented success of the Society's 1947 Chicago lecture series. An official statement may not be made appropriately in advance of the audited financial report to be published in *ETC.*, but it can be said that slightly less than \$1000.00 is still due the Institute under the terms of the original charter. It goes without saying that the Governing Board plans to discharge this obligation at the earliest possible date.

It is to be stressed that individual members of the Society should take due account of the clearly demonstrated fact that the Institute of General Semantics cannot be adequately supported from Society membership dues, or other foreseeable Society revenue, and that they appreciate therefore, the need for individual contributions made directly to the Institute. We have learned that, contrary to the enthusiastic expectations of 1942, the Society is just not an adequate fund-raising agency for the Institute. I trust that it will not be regarded as out of order for me to

sum up what I feel I have learned in this connection during the two years I have been president by saying simply that in my judgment the Institute has suffered from the fact that apparently many persons have been led, by the original Society charter, to believe that by paying their Society dues they were doing their full share to support the Institute. The figures given above show just how much—rather, just how little—that support has amounted to. And, even so, it has had to be made up in considerable part from revenue other than membership dues. It is my personal recommendation—which I make not as an officer but simply as a member of the Society and as a friend of Alfred Korzybski—that Society members look upon their membership dues as their share of the cost of publishing *ETC.* and *Quote*, of conducting the Semantic Book Club, of maintaining a national office—in general, of having an organized national and international group that can work more effectively than can an equal number of isolated individuals to further Korzybski's work. Contributions to the Institute are quite definitely something else. They should be paid to the Institute, *not* to the Society, and they should be made as generous as possible.

To the extent that Society revenue exceeds expenses, payments can be made to the Institute—but we should all note clearly that the very best the Society has been able to do since 1942 adds up to less than \$4500.00 and, under the 1942 charter terms, we are still nearly \$1000.00 in arrears. That does not constitute adequate support for the Institute of General Semantics. Individual contributions should be made to it direct, and they should be greatly increased.

In addition to the Society's publication program, its direct financial aid to the Institute of General Semantics and its en-

couragement of the formation of local chapters, two other major activities have been carried forward.

First, the Chicago lecture series has been held each year since it was first presented in 1944. This year's series was organized and carried through with extraordinary success by Mr. Rex Wickland and his assistants, notably Jean and George Taylor, Evelyn and Paul Rochetto, Harold McGuire, Herman Barnett, Alice Young, Ruth Hanson, Edward MacNeal, Mrs. Henry Irwin, Dorothy Hooker, Dorothy Johnson, and Elizabeth Glenn Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Society. Lectures were presented by Thurman Arnold, Wendell Johnson, Anatol Rapoport, Irving J. Lee, S. I. Hayakawa, and H. G. and L. R. Lieber. The lecture programs were conducted by C. B. Congdon, Robert H. Carpenter, William Y. Bell, Hayakawa and Rapoport. Average attendance at the lectures in the winter of 1944-45 was 175. The six lectures in 1947 were attended by approximately 4500 persons, and average of 750 per lecture. Revenue from the 1947 lecture series has markedly improved the Society's financial condition, and it is most appropriate that the appreciation and congratulations of all members of the Society be extended to Mr. Wickland and those who assisted him.

Second, a book club service was inaugurated in 1946. Known as the Semantics Book Club, the program is designed to make readily available to members of the Society new books which might be of particular interest to them. A committee (S. I. Hayakawa, Irving J. Lee, A. C. Spector, and Wendell Johnson) is continuously active in evaluating books recently published and manuscripts scheduled for publication with a view to their

suitability as Semantics Book Club selections. So far, two books have been distributed: *People in Quandaries* by Wendell Johnson and *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword* by Ruth Benedict. Present tentative plans, subject to necessary changes, call for distribution of A. B. Johnson's *A Treatise on Language* and Laura Hobson's *Gentleman's Agreement*. Society members are sent a review of each book selected by the committee, together with an order form. Publishers' discounts allow for a modest profit for the Society provided enough books are sold, which means that by purchasing the books selected by the committee, members not only obtain reading material especially chosen with a view to their interest in general semantics, but they also at the same time automatically make a small contribution to the Society and thus participate to this extent in furthering its general program. The committee members serve, of course, without remuneration. Reactions so far indicate that the Semantics Book Club provides a service which most members value highly.

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to make this report of two years of Society growth and development. The Society has now achieved sufficient size that there is every reason to be confident that its sphere of usefulness will continue steadily to expand. It is to be greatly hoped that the Society may long continue to provide an effective rallying point for all those who appreciate the pervasive individual and cultural benefits to be gained from the perpetuation and development of Alfred Korzybski's works.

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President, 1945-47
Society for General Semantics

STATEMENT AND PREAMBLE

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THE HOPES and plans of many people interested in general semantics are finally being translated into action. The Society for General Semantics is now under way. Some may say that this is an inopportune time for an undertaking of this kind. Maybe in some ways that is true, but in a deeper sense the wider dissemination of the extensional method is more important now than ever. We are aware of the uncertainties and difficulties we are facing. That, however, is not a sound reason for shrinking from our responsibilities. If the formulations of general semantics have value for cultural reconstruction—and we believe they have—then the time for action is now.

The committee charged with the responsibility of formulating a charter and by-laws are well aware of the rapidly shifting character of our 1942 environment. Consequently it has been their aim to make the form of organization relatively flexible and adjustable to changing circumstances. The provisions made are of such nature that they will permit the Society to continue satisfactorily even if many of those deeply interested should be called to serve their country. Surely there will be others who will build on these foundations.

Through the activities of the Society, it is anticipated that members will have an opportunity to know each other better. The publication, meetings to be held at reasonably frequent intervals in Chicago and elsewhere, etc., will afford means of communication and interchange of ideas. Those interested can exchange experiences, talk over applications of the extensional method, discuss problems, etc.

Need we explain to students of general semantics that this program will not satisfy or please everyone in all its details? We have tried to follow the suggestions and wishes that many have expressed on various occasions. Efforts have been made to have the program as comprehensive as possible. Although the plans in every phase may not suit you fully, we believe that they are sufficiently varied so that you can find something of value and benefit for yourself. At least you will have an opportunity to take part in your own way in an endeavor in which you have indicated an interest.

While it is natural that we are interested in what we ourselves can get out of a Society of this type, it seems our evaluations should go deeper than that. To be specific: one of the purposes of this Society is 'to secure financial support and wider recognition for the Institute of General Semantics.' This financial support will be procured both by the collection of dues from the membership and by the encouragement of gifts to the Institute.

What is the financial situation? In general, organizations of the type of the Institute have experienced increasing financial problems during the past few years. Rising taxation has tended to limit the large contributions of many who formerly supported these enterprises. Such institutions are finding it necessary to secure more small gifts or contributions from a much larger number of people. Universities, colleges, hospitals and other institutions and associations without exception report this trend. To this has been added the impact of war upon our economy. The national effort demands a larger part of the funds of relatively wealthy people and so diminishes what they can give to other worthy causes. It must be remembered that the Institute of General Semantics was founded very recently and has not had the benefit of gifts accumulated over many years. Nor has it been feasible for the Institute at any time in its short history to undertake any specific program for financial help from its friends and students.

The Institute faces the problem of survival. Since the exhaustion of the funds given for founding the Institute in 1938, operations have been carried on largely by income-producing activities such as seminars, preparation and sale of publications, etc., and by voluntary contributions from a few students. The progress of the work is due to an inordinate expenditure of time and effort by Korzybski and every member of the staff, frequently with little compensation. In

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the present war environment it is doubtful whether these activities will continue to produce an appreciable income.

Through the Society it is hoped that all those deeply interested in Korzybski and his work will have an opportunity to formulate and carry out a sound program for extending the understanding and use of general semantics. It is apparent that if the Institute is to survive as an active organization, some well planned financial program must be undertaken immediately. If the Institute were forced to discontinue its activities, the loss would be irreparable. This places the future of the Institute directly in our hands. Whether we go forward or lose ground will be determined in some measure by the decisions that we make now.

The Executive Committee elected at the meeting held on January 30, presents for your approval the Charter and By-Laws of the Society for General Semantics. We want to express our appreciation for the cooperation of all those who have helped.

CHARTER AND BY-LAWS SOCIETY FOR GENERAL SEMANTICS

(Adopted, April 1942)

PREAMBLE

BECAUSE the cultural crisis of our time is growing more acute, and BECAUSE we believe that the system of General Semantics formulated by Alfred Korzybski provides a method of applying the findings of modern science to the problems of human survival, and offers the hope of a more generally helpful reconstruction, WE ARE undertaking the organization of a society for the study and application of General Semantics.

NAME

The name of the organization shall be the SOCIETY FOR GENERAL SEMANTICS.

GENERAL AIMS

The general aims of the Society shall be (1) to promote wider knowledge and understanding of General Semantics among scientists, scholars, educators, statesmen, writers, leaders of public opinion, etc.; (2) to promote and encourage the application of General Semantics to the solution of individual and social problems at all levels of human experience; (3) to seek and discover methods by which General Semantics can be presented more widely to the public through schools, press, radio, moving pictures, governmental agencies, labor unions, business management, etc.; (4) to compile and synthesize empirical data on the relevance and generality of the system.

ACTIVITIES

1. The Society will publish and distribute to the membership a periodical which, in addition to reporting the results of application and research, will provide a medium through which members can keep in touch with each other and the Institute.
2. The Society shall arrange meetings for members and others interested in General Semantics, in Chicago and elsewhere.
3. The Society shall secure financial support and wider recognition for the Institute of General Semantics as a center of training, study, and research. Financial support will be procured both by the collection of dues from the membership and by the encouragement of gifts to the Institute.
4. All those making their first year's membership payments in full prior to September 1, 1942, shall be classified as Charter Members. Participating membership fees shall be Ten Dollars (\$10) per year. All those contributing more than Twenty Five Dollars (\$25) per year

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shall be classified as Sponsoring Members. All those contributing One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or more a year shall be classified as Foundation Members. Honorary Memberships may be awarded upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Institute of General Semantics and at the discretion of the Board of Directors of this Society.

5. Out of all membership fees of whatever classification, Five Dollars (\$5) from each annual membership and Five Dollars (\$5) annually for each existing Honorary Membership shall be retained by the Society for its own activities, publications and maintenance; the balance shall be turned over to the Institute of General Semantics to be used in whatever way its Board of Trustees and Directors see fit.

ORGANIZATION

1. The Governing Board of the Society shall consist of five Directors, a President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. At the first election by the Charter Members on September 30, 1942, one Director shall be elected for a term of three years; two Directors shall be elected for a term of two years; two Directors shall be elected for a term of one year. At succeeding elections, all Directors shall be elected to three-year terms, except those who are elected to fill unexpired terms. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Board until the next regular election. The term of the President and of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be one year.

2. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased by resolution duly adopted at any meeting of the Directors on notice to members of the Society mailed to each member at least ten days before the meeting called to consider the resolution which shall be contained in the notice.

3. These By-Laws can be amended only by resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Directors, but only when such change has been mailed to the members at least ten days in advance of the meeting called to consider the change. A two-thirds vote is necessary to carry.

4. The number and dates of meetings are to be decided upon at the first meeting of the duly elected Directors.

5. Ballots shall be distributed by mail to members outside of the metropolitan Chicago area thirty days prior to the election of Directors and Officers.

6. Any official acts of the Board of Directors amending or affecting any of the above provisions must be announced to the membership prior to the next succeeding election of the Board of Directors.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS SOCIETY FOR GENERAL SEMANTICS

(Adopted November, 1946)

ARTICLE I. OBJECTIVES

The Society for General Semantics is a non-profit organization, chartered in the State of Illinois, U.S.A. Its objectives are:

1. To provide regular and effective exchange of information among its members with respect to their common interest in general semantics.

2. To encourage the study of general semantics in schools, colleges and universities, and under such other auspices as may be suitable, and by individuals.

3. To encourage scholarship and research conducive to the development of general semantics, and to the indication and realization of its significant applications in education, medicine, industry, government and other fields of human endeavor, and by individuals in their day-to-day activities.

4. To furnish those interested in general semantics with democratic and responsible leadership in the pursuit of their common interest.

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ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Executive Secretary, together with payment of membership dues, and the Executive Secretary shall acknowledge the application, record the applicant as a member, and enter the applicant as a paid-up subscriber to *ETC.*

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BOARD

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the membership.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Governing Board consisting of the officers, seven councillors, and the Editor of *ETC.: A Review of General Semantics* (Article VI). Councillors shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership to terms of three years. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Governing Board until the next regular election.

SEC. 3. Not less than two names of members of the Society shall be designated as candidates for each position by a Nominating Committee appointed annually by the Governing Board.

SEC. 4. Ballots shall be forwarded to the membership not later than April 15, and those shall be returned not later than May 15 to the offices of the Society.* The vote of the majority of the ballots returned shall be construed as a majority vote of the membership.

SEC. 5. Vacancies occurring in any elective office during the year may be filled by the Governing Board for the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SECTION 1. In addition to the elective officers, there shall be an Executive Secretary appointed by a majority vote of the Governing Board to serve during the pleasure of the Board on such terms as the Board may approve. The Executive Secretary shall be directly responsible to the Secretary-Treasurer; through him to the Executive Committee, and through this Committee to the full Board. The right to hire, discharge, and set the general policy for the Executive Secretary shall be lodged with the Board. The President, as Chairman of the Governing Board, shall issue letters of appointment or dismissal to, and receive letters of resignation from, the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of three members and the Editor of *ETC.* (ex officio), of whom one shall be the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall serve as Chairman of the Committee. The other two members shall be elected from the Governing Board by a majority vote for terms of one year. The Executive Committee shall be convened at any time by the Secretary-Treasurer for the purpose of making necessary decisions or transacting necessary business during the intervals between meetings of the Governing Board. It may exercise the rights and privileges of the Governing Board in the conduct of its business except as herein or hereinafter defined by the Board. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported by the Secretary-Treasurer at each regular meeting of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

SECTION 1. *ETC.: A Review of General Semantics* shall be the official journal of the Society.

SEC. 2. There shall be an Editor of *ETC.* who shall be elected by a majority vote of the Governing Board. He shall be responsible for the publication of *ETC.* The number of issues of *ETC.* to be published in each fiscal year shall be set by the Governing Board at the beginning of each such fiscal period.

* Because the nominating committee's report is delayed, the 1947 election is being held a few weeks late.

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ARTICLE VII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular business meeting or by mail ballot. Twenty members may petition the Secretary-Treasurer for amendment, who shall thereupon submit the amendment to all members for vote by mail ballot.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. A meeting of the Governing Board shall be called at least twice every year except as otherwise provided.

SEC. 2. Meetings of the Governing Board shall be called at the direction of the President.

SEC. 3. A meeting of the Governing Board officially called may transact business.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The classification of a member of the Society shall be determined by the amount of dues he elects to pay annually. Types of membership in the Society shall be determined as follows: Participating, \$4-\$9; Contributing, \$10-\$24; Sustaining, \$25-\$99; Foundation, \$100 and over.

SEC. 2. A member whose dues are two years in arrears shall automatically be dropped from the rolls of the Society.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President:

- a. To preside at all official meetings of the Society or of the Governing Board.
- b. To call emergency meetings of the Society or of the Governing Board.
- c. To appoint members of authorized committees, and to serve as ex-officio member on each.
- d. To define the duties and status of any authorized committee, or of any officer of the Society, whenever relevant definitions have not been adequately indicated in the Constitution or By-Laws, or by the Governing Board.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of the President on the death of the latter or his inability for any reason to attend to his office.

SEC. 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of adequate records of the Society.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and safeguarding of the Society's lawful funds, subject to the authorization of the Governing Board.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall secure a bond when funds entrusted to his care shall reach or exceed Two Thousand Dollars.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

SECTION 1. The Governing Board shall determine the administrative and fiscal policies of the Society and shall exercise general supervision of the affairs of the Society. A quorum of the Governing Board in meeting shall consist of not less than five members.

SEC. 2. All expenditures of the Society shall be under the control of the Governing Board, and it shall be the duty of the Board to safeguard the funds of the Society.

SEC. 3. The Governing Board shall present to the Society at its annual meeting a report of the Board's activities.

SEC. 4. The Governing Board shall have full and final authority for the employment or dismissal of the Executive Secretary. Assistants to the Executive Secretary, as required, shall be employed or dismissed by the Executive Secretary.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members of the Governing Board, conditions beyond the Board's control make it impossible or inadvisable to hold the annual business meeting of the Society during a certain year, the Board shall be empowered to transact all business that would ordinarily be brought before that meeting. If an advance polling of all councillors

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shows that it will be impossible to get together a majority at any given locality, the Board may conduct business by postal ballot. A quorum shall consist of the Board members present or answering the mail ballot, as the case may be.

SEC. 6. On any question submitted for vote of the Governing Board, provision shall be made upon the ballot for any member of the Board to request a general mail ballot to the membership, and if two-thirds of the Board members request that the membership be balloted, the Secretary-Treasurer shall instruct the Executive Secretary to circulate a mail ballot to the membership, and the question shall be decided as a majority of the replies from the membership indicates.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SECTION 1. The Executive Secretary shall perform all duties involved in the effective maintenance of the national office of the Society.

SEC. 2. Expenditure of Society funds by the Executive Secretary shall be authorized by the Secretary-Treasurer.

SEC. 3. The Executive Secretary shall have jurisdiction, subject to review and approval of the Governing Board, over all business of the Society and non-editorial aspects of the publication of *ETC.*, including the processing of contracts with printers, sale of printed copies, distribution of copies to subscribers, and keeping of all records pertaining thereto, attending to matters involving copyright and reprint privileges, keeping records of subscribers, and handling all billing and all monies appropriated to *ETC.* by the Secretary-Treasurer.

SEC. 4. The Executive Secretary shall submit a detailed and audited financial report of *ETC.* and other Society publications to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall present the report for review by the Governing Board at the end of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI. HONORS OF THE SOCIETY

Honors of the Society for General Semantics: In recognition of outstanding achievement, the Governing Board shall award to such persons as are judged worthy the "Honors of the Society" with appropriate citations, a suitable certificate thereof to be presented to each person so recognized.

ARTICLE VII. RELATIONSHIP TO THE INSTITUTE OF GENERAL SEMANTICS

Financial contributions from Society funds shall be made to the Institute of General Semantics by two-thirds vote of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE VIII. LOCAL CHAPTERS

Ten or more members of the Society (or fewer at the discretion of the Governing Board) may petition the Secretary-Treasurer to form a local chapter of the Society, and upon two-thirds vote of the Governing Board shall be recognized as a local chapter. Such petition shall include the name of the chapter (according to geographical location), a list of its members, the names of its officers (President, Secretary, and Treasurer), an essential statement of its proposed activities, and a statement of agreement to submit on July 1 of each year a report of its membership and its activities for the past year.

ARTICLE IX. STATUS OF PRESENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Adoption of this Constitution does not alter the status or function of any duly elected or appointed officers or members of the Governing Board at the time of the adoption of this Constitution. Upon the adoption of this Constitution the members of the Governing Board who are not officers, and the Editor of *ETC.*, who under any previous Constitution were known as Directors, shall hereafter be known as Councillors.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

By-Laws of the Society may be amended by a majority vote of the Governing Board at any regular meeting or by mail ballot, such a ballot to be provided by the Executive Secretary upon petition of a majority of the Governing Board.