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This proposed bylaw change is retrogressive, less democratic and creates an impossible stumbling block especially in sparsely populated regions. It is completely contrary to the recommendations to be submitted by the New Jirecterns Jousnittee (ACONDA).

In an Association which prides itself on its democratic and liberal reputation, it is surprising to see a trend to establish difficult procedures for membership action and participation. It is also interesting to note that this bylaw recommendation was submitted at the very time members exercised their right of petition to Council for the first time in the history of the Association.

Consider, if you will, the plight of the librarian far removed from an urban area. His or her ability to gather signatures for a petition is already taxed to the fullest by the present Constitutional requirement that 100 or 200 names of personal members be attached. To ask these librarians to gather some 1400 names (5% of 29, 000) is impossible.'