CONSTITUTIONAL STUFF

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Funny the things you can do to occupy your mind at the laundromat. The other night we had a look at AUZAPA's constitution, and decided it was pretty wobbly - with detailed spelling-out of little finicky rules not worth mentioning and almost complete omission of some rather basic matters. So we re-drafted the whole thing, and herewith submit the following amendment:

"THAT the LEZAPA Constitution as it now stands be deleted, and the following Constitution adopted:

## ALAPA CON TITUTION

- 1. The Australia and New Zealand Publishing Association (ANZAPA) is an association of people whose common interest is amateur journalism. Its purpose is to facilitate communication between its members.through a bi-monthly exchange of publications.
- 2. Membership: Membership is limited to thirty persons or couples. On joining, a member shall be required to pay a pro rata membership fee and contribute to the following mailing. If there are no vacancies, applicants for membership will be placed on a waiting-list.
- 3. Activity: To retain membership a member must contribute  $\frac{1}{2}$  minimum of 3,000 words of self-written material every six months. Contributions must be supplied to the General Secretary in editions of thirty-three substantially identical copies.
- 4. Mailings: Mailing dates shall be the tenth of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Mailing deadlines may be announced by the General Secretary. With each mailing the General Secretary shall publish an official organ, including a list of contents, a membership roster and a financial statement. Material which violates postal regulations shall not be included. The General Secretary shall publish this constitution in the official organ at least once each year
- Fees: Members are required to pay an annual fee of \$3.00, on or before 1st August.
- 6. Officers of the Association: A President shall be

elected annually by means of a popularity poll (called the "Anzapopoll"). His duties shall be to organize the following poll and to "encourager les autres". A General Secretary shall be elected (or re-elected) annually. He shall be an Justralian resident. His duties shall include distributing mailings, publishing the official organ and controlling the Association's finances. Other duties may be undertaken at his discretion. An Emergency Officer may be appointed by the General Secretary to perform any of the General Secretary's duties.

7. Elections: The ballot for the election of General Secretary, containing the names of all those who have been nominated for the office, shall be distributed with the February mailing. Closing date shall be the 10th March or twenty-eight days after the February mailing has been distributed. Counting of votes shall be conducted by a member not standing for office. Election shall be by a simple majority. The result shall be announced in the April official organ and the incoming General Secretary shall assume duties with the June mailing.

The Anzapopoll shall be conducted by the Tresident in conjunction with the August mailing. The incoming President

shall assume office with the October mailing.

8. Amendments: Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary, bearing the signatures of three members. These amendments shall be set out in the official organ for the mailing immediately following their reception by the General Secretary. With the third mailing following their reception, the General Secretary shall distribute a ballot. Closing date for return of ballots shall be twenty-eight days after the mailing has been distributed. Any amendment receiving a majority vote shall be passed.

9. Special Rules: Special rules may be adopted at any time, provided a majority of voters endorses a copy of the proposed rule within twenty-eight days of its distribution. Such a proposal must be distributed to the entire membership at substantially the same time. Anymember other than the proposer(s) may be nominated to count votes."

That's it, people. The present constitution requires Gary to re-type this amendment in the official organ, but we'll forgive him if he doesn't. Our individual comments (if any) on this amendment will appear separately.

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