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THE SCIENCE-FICTION ASSOCIATION is now over eight months old. During that eight months, considerable experience has been gained in the running of the society, and we propose to utilise this experience by reorganising the society to some extent, in several stages during the next few months. The reorganisation will be designed to make the running of the society more efficient than at present.

The first step in this reorganisation will be to ensure the democratic nature of the Association by the introduction of a Council, to be elected annually by all existing members.

The Council will consist of seven members of the society residing in the British Isles, who will communicate and make their decisions via the post. It will be responsible for appointing an Executive Committee of three members who, for the period of one year, unless dismissed by the Council, will have full executive control of the Association.

The members of the Executive Committee will be responsible for running the society to the best of their ability, and will be in charge of financial and secretarial matters. They will also be responsible for delegating other official duties to various members, and for enrolling new members, granting charters to branches, and handling the general executive work of the Association.

All new schemes introduced by the Executive Committee must first be outlined in the official monthly journal of the society - as in the past - and only put into operation should the response of members be satisfactory. Although the approval of the Council is unnecessary for any action of the Committee, any such action may be rescinded by a decision of the Council. Also, any complaints against an action of the Executive Committee should be made to the Council. IN ALL CASES, THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL (i.e., five members assenting) IS FINAL. It should be understood, however, that the Council is not an executive or legislative body: it is an elected body to which all disputes, or questions of policy, may be referred.

It now remains for the first Council to be elected. Enclosed is a list of the twelve most prominent British members of the Association. Every member is requested to place a cross against seven of the names, representing his or her choice of Council. The form should then be signed and returned to Headquarters before October 30th. Forms received after this date, or forms submitted by members whose subscriptions are overdue, will not be considered. The seven members who receive the most votes will constitute the Council until December 31st, 1938.