The Executive Committee proposes changes in the constitution that need to be published before the fall meeting.

Proposed Wording in Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1.

The term of office of the president, president-elect, first vice-president, first vice-president elect, and second vice-president shall be for one year. The term of office of the secretary shall be for two years. All terms of office will begin immediately following election.

Present Word in Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1.

The proposed deletion is underlined.

The term of office of the president, president-elect, first vice-president, first vice-president elect, and second vice-president shall be for one year. The term of office of the secretary shall be for two years. The election for secretary shall be held in odd numbered years. All terms of office will begin immediately following election.

The change deletes the special designation given to the secretary's office requiring the election of this position to be in odd years.

History: Don Wilson was elected to his first term as secretary in 1982 to fill a resignation. His election was not to the completion of a term but to a full two year term. Last fall he informed the election committee that he had served his full two year term and the position was added to the ballot.

This year the executive committee realized that the constitution had been violated for 1984 was an odd year only when the events that occurred in it are analyzed. Following discussion, it became apparent that the choice of the committee was to write a complex amendment dealing with all the alternatives that can arise with the secretary's position, to treat the position as much as possible as all of our other officers and delete the odd year designation or to suggest that the term of duty be one year and identical to the others. The last alternative was only mentioned in passing because of the difficulty of transferring the records each year. The parliamentary manipulation to either extend or reduce Don's present term would be prodigious. The discussion focused on the value to the organization of the odd year designation for the position of secretary. Some of the committee remembered the original reasoning which was it guaranteed that the election committee would find a candidate for the position as they did not need to find someone to fill it every year. This was balanced against the problems to find someone to fill it every year. This was balanced against the problems that resignations mid-term can cause. After some deliberation, the committee decided that the removal of the odd year designation was the best application of Ochem's razor and I submit the changes for your consideration.