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Sat., Sun., Aug. 29, 30, 31, 1975, New York City, USA.
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Jack Meadows Esq.,
Secretary,
The W.N.G.G.A. Inc.

Dear Jack,

It would be appreciated if you
would arrange to have minutes
of the following meetings available
in New York for our Annual
General Meeting August 30th 1975

(1) 1950 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Canton Ohio

(a) Any National Executive Committee
meetings for 1950 or 1951.

(b) Any Trustee meeting minutes for
1950 + 1951

(2) 1971
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Salt Lake City

(a) Any Executive Committee minutes
for 1971 + 1972

(b) Any Board of Trustee minutes
for 1971 + 1972.

I would also like you to bring a copy of any letters sent out to a Sponsoring Committee as to the arrangement of Sponsorship from 1971 to this date.

Also I would like to have you bring a copy of the proposed "Charter" which is supposed to be issued to a Society or Organization contributing \$25 or more.

Last but not least, any correspondence which has been sent back and forth between the Secretary of State of Ohio concerning either the national Gymnastic Game Association of the U.S.A. & Canada Inc + The Welsh National Gymnastic Game Association Inc between 1950 up to this date. (Concerning any matter associated with our Association.)

Yours truly,

Douglas Jones

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Executive Committee

The Welsh National Gymorfa Ganeuon Inc.,

Dear Sirs, "amendment to articles
of Incorporation

I am I hid

I propose this substitution
to develop and promote our
Welsh Cultural Heritage by way
of the "Gymorfa Ganeuon"
(Festival of Song)

In view of the fact this is the
only item in "Constitutional
Amendments" sent to you this
should be sufficient.

Yours truly,
Douglas Jones
(a member of the Corporation).

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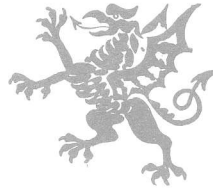
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welcomes you to the 45th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu on
September 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1976.

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July 20, 1976

Mr. Jack Meadows,

Youngstown, Ohio. 44512

Dear Jack:

Would you please send a copy of the enclosed to the members of the Executive Committee so that they receive it no less than 30 days before our next annual meeting.

Perhaps you might also be good enough to make sufficient copies to distribute to each of the trustees at the Friday afternoon meeting in Philadelphia.

Many thanks.

All the best,



Toronto, July 20, 1976

To the Executive Committee of the WNGGA
for submission to the members of the Association
at the Annual Meeting to be held in Philadelphia

While there is no doubt in my mind that the WNGGA Constitution as it stands gives the Officers of the Association full voting powers as members of the Board of Trustees, I propose that the following amendments be written into the Constitution so that the matter is clarified:

a) Article IV

New Item 4. "The Officers of THE ASSOCIATION shall be full members of the Board of Trustees and may vote on all matters."

b) Article IV

Item 3. Delete "and may vote on all matters."

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Dear Mr. Meadows:

Received a copy of Miss Eluned Thomas' proposal on constitution change. This was really unnecessary since it was introduced last year and denied only because it was not within the specific time period and therefore automatically entitled to be re-introduced at the next session of the board.

In case you may have forgotten there was another proposal which was denied for the same reason and which also will be automatically introduced.

Enclosed is a copy of that proposal which I presume you will handle in the same manner as you did with Miss Thomas' request.

Sincerely,

Gwynn J. Parri, President

Enclosure



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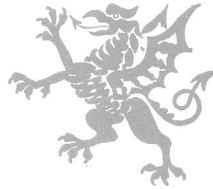
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the Constitution of the WNGGA:

a) Article IV

New Item 4. "The Officers of THE ASSOCIATION shall
be full members of the Board of Trustees
and may vote on all matters."

b) Article IV

Item 3. Delete "and may vote on all matters".

I would appreciate your submitting these to the Executive
Committee in line with Article XI of the Constitution. Thanks.

All the best,

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The Philadelphia Board of Trustees of the Gynanfa Gann Association
 held its first meeting on the 23rd day of August 1976 at
 8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 1200 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mr. Gwynn J. Parri,
 President. W.N.G.G.A.Inc.,
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Dear Mr. Parri:

Following the receipt of your invitation, tendered earlier this year, to serve as Chairman of the Constitution Committee, and my verbal acceptance of that honour, I have given considerable thought and carried out a substantial amount of investigation into the work done on the Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

During the past many years I have compiled a voluminous file relating to the matter at hand, and this file includes such items as the first Constitution of the Association (in copy form as supplied by Mr. George Bundy), suggested re-writings of the complete book, suggested changes and/or amendments, and personal correspondence. A review of the material mentioned gives every indication that a great many changes are needed if the Association is to continue to function in the manner in which it was intended and if the Association is to keep abreast of the changes which make it mandatory for some radical re-thinking on the part of those who are responsible for plotting our future course.

Having been responsible, some years ago, for having the Constitution re-written, and having seen that re-writing disregarded in its entirety, I am aware of the conservative thinking that prevails among many of our members. It is not my intent to criticize those who wish to retain the status-quo - provided that they do so for reasons that they consider to be in the interests of the Association - but I am concerned that there are many who object to changes for reasons that are NOT in the interests of the Association.

In examining the Constitutions, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of other organizations, social, ethnic, business and professional, I am



just as convinced now, as I was several years ago, that the Articles that govern our activities need a complete overhaul, and that the Association's By-Laws should be, once again re-written and presented to the membership in General Assembly at the earliest possible moment.

At the present time I am not prepared to present you with any definite written recommendations, but I offer the following for your consideration as items which require immediate attention:

1. During the past few years, items which require general membership attention and action have not been allowed on the the floor for open discussion. On at least one occasion items were blocked at the Executive Committee level, and on at least one other occasion items were not allowed on to the floor for discussion by Presidential (?) decree. This should not be allowed at any time.
2. Our present Constitution is open to a variety of interpretations in many areas, and whilst the President, as Chairman of all meetings, has the right (indeed the duty) to rule, this places an inordinate amount of responsibility upon one person. It is true that such rulings can be challenged in proper manner, but again this can lead to further "interpretations" , and this can only lead to further confusion.
3. The Executive Committee has too much power. It is not generally known as to when this Committee meets, and very often the results of such meetings are not made known in total to the Board of Trustees. No items of business discussed by the Executive Committee should ever be kept secret from the full Board of Trustees, as the Executive Committee has no duties other than those spelled out loosely in the Constitution. It has also been pointed out that some members have served on the Executive Committee for several years, and this can not be good for this, or any organization.
4. The matter of Committees should receive prompt attention. Several of the Committees listed have been active, to some degree, for many years, but I believe that the Association would greatly benefit if certain of these Committees were to be written into the By-Laws with specific guide-lines to assist them. These guidelines should spell out the duties and responsibilities of each Committee. In having these guide-lines the Committee would know what is expected, and the Board of Trustees and general membership would be in a position to demand action.
5. The "Rules and Regulations" to sponsoring organizations is a document which should be considered for inclusion in the new Constitution. This is a critical area, with the need for lee-way very apparent, but if the Association attempts to enforce some of the rules (as has been done on more than one occasion) then the Association should be on firmer ground than it is at present. It is noted that many of the items included in the most recent copy of the document in question have not changed since 1961. It is not suggested that this is detrimental, but it is suggested that the document should be closely examined, and, as suggested, it should be considered for inclusion as a part of the Constitution.

If this document is to remain as one which is intended to assist sponsoring Committees, it should receive scrutiny with that purpose in mind. Possibly some clauses could be made mandatory and others could remain optional. There should be clarification, however, and there should be assurance that no Association Officer or Committee can rule definitely on any clause - unless upon the request of the sponsoring organization.

6. The Endowment Fund is a most worthwhile project, but the "purpose" of the fund as presently written is extremely poor. The fund itself is increasing each year, and something should be done soon to see that some benefit is gained by the Association other than a straight increase in monetary value.

It is known that suggestions to change personnel who have charge of the fund have been met with ridiculous charges in the past, but once again we are faced with having the same person in the same position for many years, and the suggestions for a change are based on that fact. It may be necessary soon to have a special Committee set up to administer the fund, and this is one more item which requires immediate attention.

During the past several months I have considered the above items, and many others, from what I am convinced has been an objective view-point. The comparisons that I have made have been based on other documents, and I have frequently consulted Roberts and Bourinot's Rules of Order. Perhaps the major item with which we have to contend is this - Do we want to grow as an Organization within a reasonably strict set of Rules and Regulations (or call them what you will), or do we want to remain as we are, subject to a loose set of By-Laws which can be, and are, interpreted by many to suit their own purpose?

I will await your guidance, Mr. Parri, and I can assure you that I will continue to work with you in the interests of this great Association. It has been a pleasure to serve under your Presidency.

Pob hwyl,



Lewis Edwards,

THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA CANU ASSOCIATION

Appendix 1

1976

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE W.N.G.G.A. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

REFERENCE

ARTICLE 1V - ELECTION PROCEDURES

- para: 1 Art: 1V 1. The Association shall be governed set forth.
- para: 2 Art: 1V 2. The election of a Trustee shall made in accordance with the Secretary's "RECORD of MEMBERSHIP".
- " " 3. The makeup pattern:
- (a). Three (3) Trustees Canadian Border.
- (b). Five (5) Trustees of Canada.
- (c). Nine (9) Trustees Canadian Border.
4. No Trustee, who is completing term as Trustee.
- para: 3 Art: 1V 5. The President shall on all matters.
6. The retention of more than one office is not permitted. In the event a Trustee or Officer being elected whilst in Office, to another Office, he or she must relinquish all but one at the time of election to the new office. The choice of such retention of Office being the prerogative of the individual member concerned.
- New
- para: 2 page 5 7. The terms of for two years.
- para: 3 page 5 8. The President shall has passed.
9. The election of Officers shall take place under the jurisdiction of The Board of Trustees. All Officers present at the meeting of The Board, shall be directed by the Chairman to retire from the room pending completion of the voting procedure, and they will remain retired until recalled by command of the Chairman, at which time they will be apprised of the election results.
- New
- para: 4 page 5 10. The Board of Trustees may also ,..... considers necessary.
- para: 5 page 5 11. No person shall be considered eligible for election as Officer unless it has been the necessary determination shall be made by reference to the Secretary's "RECORD of MEMBERSHIP".

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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- para: 1 page 9
- para: 2 page 9
- para: 3 page 9
- para: 4 page 9
1. First and foremost, a Trustee should be prepared to assist the President in the administration of Cymanfa affairs at all times. He should be available, when called upon, to undertake special duties as the President sees fit to prescribe, for the sake of the Cymanfa Ganu's continued successes and flourishing prosperity for future generations.
 2. The BoardAssociation.
 3. Meetings of the BoardAnnual Gymanfa Ganu, or as otherwise determined by the Chairman of The Board of Trustees. Special The Board of Trustees.
 4. The Board of Trustees shall of the Association.
 5. In the event Regulations of Canada.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF W.N.G.G.A. OFFICERS

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1. The complement of Officers shall be comprised of The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Their respective duties being as follows:-
 - PRESIDENT - It shall The Board of Trustees.
 - V/PRESIDENT - It shall by the President or Board of Trustees.
 - SECRETARY - The Secretary shall as may be directed by The President or Board of Trustees.
 - TREASURER - The Treasurer shall institutions approved by The Board of Trustees, and such funds shall so authorized by The Board of Trustees.
 - IP/PRESIDENT - shall make himself available at all times for the purpose of consultation and advice on any matter deemed to be beneficial for the Association.

REFERENCE

ARTICLE V11 - OFFICERS EX-OFFICIO

(was Article M1 No other change)

ARTICLE V111 - HONORARY OFFICERS

(was Article V111 No other Change)

ARTICLE V111 - MEETINGS

- page 6 Art: 1X 1. The Gymanfa Genu shall be held annually on determine.
- " " 2. The Annual General Meeting is the Annual Gymanfa Genu
..... By The Chairman of The Board of Trustees.
- para: 3 page 7 3. The venue location. For this purpose, an Investigation
Committee will be formed by the President, who will select its
members from the Board of Trustees. This Committee will then
report its findings to The Board, the report to include the means
and ability of the Sponsoring Committee to perform the event. It
shall be a function of the Board of Trustees to obtain a suitable
and responsible Sponsoring Committee.
- para: 4 page 7 4. The order of the Sunday Service of Worship and to the
Board of Trustees in sufficient time to be approved by The Board
prior to printing the programme.

ARTICLE 1X - REGIONAL GYMANFA GANU

- para: 2 page 7 2. The venue by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE X - CONSTITUTION

- new 1. The signatories to the Constitution & BY-LAWS, as directed by
the President shall be those of:-
 - (a) The President
 - new (b) Trustee representating the East
 - (c) Trustee representing Canada
 - (d) Trustee representing the West.
- new 2. The signed and dated portion of the document shall be reproduced
and appended as the final page in the Constitution and BY-LAWS for
distribution to W.N.G.G.A. Members. The original shall be retained
in safe keeping by the Secretary. Additional pages under the
heading "Amendments" shall be included for the convenience of
W.N.G.G.A. members.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- e para: 1 page 8 1. The Constitution shall be amended by a three fourth vote of the members voting at the Annual General Meeting.
- e para: 2 page 8 2. All proposed Amendments to the Chairman of The Board of Trustees for The Board's consideration not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the next Annual General Meeting.

BY-LAWS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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new

- 2. The Chairman of The Endowment Committee is selected by The Board of Trustees, to serve on a continuing basis, or until such time as the Board decides otherwise. The Chairman may co-opt the required assistance necessary that would ensure effective control of The Association's Financial and Administrative affairs as it applies to the Endowment Fund.

COMMITTEES

new

- g. Endowment.

Note

Any Article and or paragraph not reproduced in these Amendments are unchanged with the exception of Article V111 para: 1, this paragraph becomes para: 1 of Article V1 of the Amendments. Paras 2 and 3 are deleted. Part of para: 4 is included in Article V1 of the Amendments.

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