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Mr. Roy Helton
State Planning Board
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Helton:

After my first and second readings of your proposed Organization outline, I am disposed to view most of it with distinct favor. I think that judgment will hold.

I am in full sympathy with the name, for it says exactly what the organization is in understandable terms. It also avoids - as I so hoped it would - the flavor of the "Arts and Crafts", which, while a very worthy thing, was something else. It has the honored term "Guild", which is significant, and carries an implication of honorable and fine workmanship.

The Purposes seem to me to carry out the major points I had suggested in the original proposal I submitted to you, and at the moment I see nothing to add.

The classes of Membership are not quite clear to me, and do not, in my estimation, sufficiently distinguish between the groups. I believe there should be a more definite definition of an active member, and for purposes of argument I would suggest those persons who have been approved for the use of the organization symbol on their works. All others to be associates. Perhaps there should be a very few honorary memberships available for persons who render some outstanding service to the field, or to the work in this state. I am thinking, for instance, of something by which we could recognize the work of Mr. Eaton, if he were to speak to a state meeting, or someone who might make available a goodly collection of helpful books, etc.

Dues seem reasonable, although the last item should be put on a more definite basis and needs amplification.

That is, it does not clearly state that members are members both of local and state for the same dues, of which some fixed proportion goes to each division.

I do not find how one earns the right to use the state symbol included, nor am I sure that there is provision for setting up such regulations. The nearest I can find refers to its use in exhibitions, only. It would seem to me to of sufficient importance as to be a matter of early business for the Executive Committee.

My congratulations on an excellent job. As I have time to go over it with more care I may have some other suggestions. Whenever you are ready for a meeting I will plan to attend.

Sincerely yours,

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