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Proposed Changes to the SAAS Constitution

Note of explanation:

Suggested changes have been made to articles two, three, and four. The proposed amendments are highlighted in red, and the words proposed to be removed are crossed over. The motivation for making these changes will be presented by the SAAS Board at the General Meeting. For more information about the time and place of the General Meeting, please see the detailed program of the 10th Biennial SAAS Conference, available at the association's website www.saasinfo.se.

On behalf of the SAAS Board,
Adam Hjorthén, President

SAAS Constitution

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the organization is the Swedish Association for American Studies (SAAS). It is a national branch of the Nordic Association for American Studies.

ARTICLE TWO

The purpose of the Association is to encourage the study of ~~the United States~~ **North America** in Sweden.

ARTICLE THREE

Membership of the Association is open to teachers, researchers, and other individuals ~~in Sweden~~ concerned with the study of ~~the United States~~ **North America** who have paid membership dues to the Nordic Association for American Studies.

ARTICLE FOUR

The Board of the Swedish Association for American Studies consists of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, ~~and three additional members,~~ **and one or two deputy members.**

All officers and members of the Board are elected at the biennial General Meeting of the Association to hold office for a term of two years. On completion of their term of office, at the next General Meeting, said officers and members vacate their places.

The President ~~of the SAAS~~ is the Association's candidate to the Board of the Nordic Association for American Studies (NAAS). **If the President is unable to attend meetings of the Board of NAAS, the Vice-President may act as a deputy board member of NAAS.**

ARTICLE FIVE

General Meetings of the Association are held every two years at such times as the Board determines. An extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at not less than six weeks'

notice at the request of the majority of the full Board or a majority of the registered members. All registered members of the Association have the right to vote at General Meetings.

The President of the Board, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President of the Board, presides at all sessions of the General Meeting.

Any matter before the Meeting is adopted by a simple majority of votes. In case of a tie, the President casts the deciding vote.

ARTICLE SIX

At the General Meeting a three-person Nomination Committee shall be elected, the purpose of which is to submit recommendations for the next Board. At the time of the election, registered members may nominate candidates.

ARTICLE SEVEN

This constitution may be amended by majority vote at a General Meeting, and such an amendment must be confirmed by another majority vote at the following General Meeting. Proposals for amendments must be made public at least three months before the first General Meeting. During the period between the two meetings, the majority-approved amendment(s) will govern.