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Dear Wayne,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and your apparent disappointment.

I, too, am delighted with the quality of the Fellowship, and so found our considerations interesting and pleasant, albeit expensive and fatiguing. I hope we succeeded in providing the best possible base for the continued vitality of our College by increasing the participation of the Fellows in the Council. As you said so ably, we had many from whom to choose, and the selection represented not necessarily the oldest, the best known, the most popular nor the most erudite -- but those who, by their record, had shown educational leadership, could make administrative decisions, and were responsive and innovative. That there were many others who could meet these requirements, I am sure, but these men met the additional qualifications of being recommended and not having served the Fellowship recently.

As for not meeting, we failed to do so because two committee members were too busy before the end of the month, and we were asked to abide by the requirements of the By-laws.

There is an omission from your letter that I noted with some disappointment -- we did institute one novelty, that of broadening the nominating procedure. I regret that this interesting set of data was not considered useful by yourself, but it was most useful to me.

You must be aware that in nominating Fellows who had not previously served as officers, we provided an opportunity for new thoughts to be expressed in the Council of this vital and important Fellowship. I am confident that the Fellows will approve the nominees, and I trust that our recommendation will be rewarded by their creative service.

Sincerely yours,

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