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## **SPECIAL NOTICES**

### **Date of 1957 Annual Meeting**

Because of the impossibility of arranging suitable hotel accommodations for the 1957 Annual Dinner Meeting on the first Friday of May, the President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, has fixed the date of the 1957 Annual Meeting for May 17, 1957.

### **Membership Applications**

Because of the burden placed on the Admissions Committee by the increasingly large number of membership applications received at the last minute before meetings, the Executive Committee has decided to consider at its meetings only such membership applications as have been received by the Secretary at least two weeks prior to that meeting.

### **Non-Lawyer Memberships**

Because of a requirement of the American Bar Association, our non-lawyer membership has for many years been limited to 10% of our total membership. Because the number of non-lawyers desiring membership substantially exceeds that limitation, it has been the policy of the Executive Committee since June, 1954 to accept no applications from non-lawyers, but to seek as members non-lawyers who are especially qualified for membership, considering not only their personal qualifications but also their standing in the maritime field (See Doc. No. 390 of July 7, 1955 at page 3866). The Executive Committee welcomes the suggestions of members for its assistance in this endeavor. Such suggestions should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

Although the Association's membership application form has been changed to make it appropriate for lawyer applicants only, formal applications are still being received from non-lawyers. Members are cautioned not to encourage or sponsor applications for non-lawyer membership, as such applications sometimes lead to misunderstandings and disappointment.

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