

Are You A Global Constitutional Expert?

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Whether you've read one Proposal for a World Constitution, or a dozen, or simply sat in on a discussion of world federation, you may as well consider yourself one of the "elite," an "expert," or at least as qualified as anyone else!. An abundance of "gimmicks" have been packaged to make such proposals palatable. But to date no proposal, regardless of gimmicks, has managed to catapult itself into implementation. Do not despair! On the contrary, remember that evolutionary progress usually comes in sudden jumps that follow long periods of relatively little change. So, don't just sit there. Invent!!!!

It's perfectly plausible that you, the reader of this newsletter, might come forth with some idea or proposal that could really make a difference. Send your ideas to the editor. As for myself, I once had the heady experience of stimulating some controversy by proposing that substantially all of the delegates to at least one chamber of a World Parliament might be selected by lottery. This proposed lottery was to draw

from a list of thousands of nominees with authentic credentials to indicate they had at least some understanding of world problems. My concept was based on the judicial ideal of jury selection at random from a list of prospective jurors.

A random selection method might by-pass the hellish complexities of carrying out credible elections. Such a global election, as you might imagine, would require simultaneous implementation in countless nations around the globe; but as we all know it is difficult enough to achieve credible results in a well regulated place like Florida! So, my proposal, bizarre though it might sound at first, is in fact a practical idea whose merit may not be widely appreciated until the conundrum of selecting delegates for a global Parliament is staring us in the face!