

Branch Societies for the purpose of holding meetings, and discussing scientific and other subjects; and are to be governed by the regulations of the Institute, and such other By-laws hereafter to be enacted by them and approved by the Council.

SECTION XVI.

OF ALTERING THE REGULATIONS.

No by-law or regulation shall be altered, or any new one adopted except at a general meeting, special or otherwise; and it shall be competent to any five members to demand of the Council such meeting with such object. Provided always: that notice of the alteration proposed, and of the meeting at which it is to be considered, shall have been given at two succeeding ordinary meetings, prior thereto.

SECTION XVII.

OF THE PROPERTY OF THE INSTITUTE.

1. The whole of the property and effects of the Institute, of what kind soever, shall be vested in the Council of the Institute, and subject to its control for the time being.

2. Every paper, map, plan, or drawing, which may be presented to the Institute, shall be considered the property thereof, unless there shall have been any previous arrangement to the contrary; and the Council may publish the same in any way, and at any time, they may think proper. But should the Council refuse or neglect to publish such paper or other communication, within a reasonable time, the author thereof shall have a right to copy the same, and publish it as he may think fit. No other person shall publish any communication belonging to the Institute, without the previous consent of the Council.

3. No papers, plans, maps, or other property belonging to the Institute, shall be taken out of the rooms thereof, without the consent of the Council, or special by-law hereinafter.