

# STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

## CONSTITUTION

(2022)

### A. NAME and OBJECT

The Society shall be called "Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas", and its aim shall be the furtherance of New Testament studies internationally, including, within its interests, charitable initiatives.

### B. The COMMITTEE, TRUSTEES and OFFICERS

1. The Society's Committee shall be comprised of nine trustees elected from within the Society's membership by a General Meeting of the Society. These shall include the Society's President, the Past President, the President Elect, and six others.
2. The President shall normally be elected two years before the commencement of his/her term of office. The President shall hold office for one year, and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.
3. The six non-presidential trustees shall be elected by a General Meeting of the Society, two being elected every year for the three years following, and they shall be elected at the commencement of their period of office.
4. The two members of this group of six due to retire from the Committee shall not be eligible for re-election as a trustee in the same year. But this shall not exclude them from the possibility of immediate election as one of the Society's officers.
5. The Society shall also elect officers to oversee the management of the society, including (a) one or more Secretaries, (b) a Treasurer, and (c) one or more Editors of its publications. These officers shall be servants of the Society's Committee and, although present at meetings of the Committee, are not trustees of the Society. They are eligible to receive honoraria.  
The Society's officers shall be elected at the commencement of their period of office. They shall hold office for five years, and shall be eligible for re-election for one further period of five years.
6. If any trustee or officer is compelled to resign before the completion of the term of office, he/she shall give not less than six months' notice to the Society's Committee. The appointment of any trustee or officer may be terminated before the completion of the term of office by a two-thirds majority vote of not less than three-quarters of the full membership of the Committee taken during the course of a General Meeting.
7. The Committee elected under the above provisions shall have power to co-opt not more than two additional trustees.

### C. THE EDITORIAL BOARD

1. The Editorial Board of *New Testament Studies* (hereinafter referred to as the journal) shall be entrusted by the Society with full responsibility for the editorial policy and management of the journal and of any associated publications (such as the Monograph Series). It shall report annually to the General Meeting of the Society.
2. The Board shall nominate, and the Society in General Meeting shall appoint, an Editor of the journal (who shall be Secretary of the Board) and an Editor of the Society's Monograph Series. All customary editorial powers and responsibilities shall be assigned to the two Editors. Associate Editors may also be appointed if desired.
3. The Editors and Associate Editors shall hold office for a period of five years, and shall be eligible for re-election for one further period of five years. Previous service as Associate Editor shall not disqualify any person from holding office for a full term of five or ten years as Editor. The appointment of the Editors or Associate Editors may be terminated at any time before the completion of their period of office by a two-thirds majority vote of not less than three-quarters of the members of the Editorial Board meeting during the course of a General Meeting of the Society.
4. The Board shall consist of the President of the Society, who shall be chairman, the Society's Secretaries and Treasurer, the Editors and the Associate Editors ex officio, together with not

less than nine elected members, each of whom shall hold office for a period of three years. Not less than three elected members shall be elected each year by the Society in General Meeting. On completion of their term of office elected members shall not immediately be eligible for re-election; but this provision shall not preclude their re-election in any subsequent year.

D. SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

1. SNTS has two categories of membership, full and associate. Associate membership is normally for five years, for early career scholars who are en route to full membership.
2. An application for membership (either associate or full) must be supported by the written nominations of two members of the Society and submitted in the first place to the Committee. If the Committee approves the application, the name shall be posted at the beginning of the next General Meeting of the Society together with the names of the proposer and seconder. Any objections to the nomination shall be made known to the Committee during the course of the said General Meeting and before the last Business Meeting held that year. It shall be in the power of the Committee to decide whether objections are serious enough to warrant withdrawal of the nomination. If no sufficiently serious objections are received, the General Meeting shall be informed at the last Business Meeting that the nomination has been approved.
3. In considering nominations for membership, the Committee shall look for evidence of a high standard of scholarship in New Testament studies. A doctoral research degree in New Testament or closely related studies will normally be expected for both associate and full membership, but in addition evidence will be sought of multiple publications in well-regarded academic media that make a distinct contribution to knowledge in the discipline. The Committee is responsible for issuing and periodically reviewing guidelines that outline the specific requirements for such publications at both the associate and full membership level. These are made available to members and all interested parties via the website and the Assistant Secretary.
4. Associate members attend all sessions of the annual meeting as members, participate in seminars as paper-givers or respondents, and may present offered papers; full members, in addition, may give main papers, propose or co-chair seminars, serve as officers of the Society, and vote at any General Meeting of the Society.
5. Full members may nominate up to four prospective members in any given year, two for full membership, and two for associate membership.
6. All members shall pay an annual subscription which shall be due on January 1st in every year, and shall cover the twelve months subsequent to that date. The amount of the subscription is linked to income level and active or retirement status.
7. A member whose subscription is more than two years overdue shall be deemed to have resigned membership.
8. All members shall have the right to attend any General Meeting of the Society.

E. ALTERATION OF RULES

No addition to the rules, and no change in them, shall be made except by vote of the General Meeting. Notice of changes or additions proposed must be submitted to the Committee at least six months before the General Meeting at which the suggested change, or addition, will be put to the vote.