

CONSTITUTION

Society of Christian Philosophers

Article I Name and Purpose

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Society of Christian Philosophers.
- Section 2. The purpose of the organization shall be to promote fellowship between Christian philosophers, and to provide occasions for intellectual interchange between Christian philosophers on issues that arise from their joint commitment.
- Section 3. This organization is organized and operated exclusively for purposes described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Adopted by amendment, 1983

Article II Membership

- Section 1. Membership in the Society shall be open to all Christian Philosophers. It is not restricted to any particular philosophical orientation or branch of Christianity.
- a. It is solely up to the applicant for membership to determine whether he/she is a philosopher and whether he/she is a Christian.
- b. The term 'philosopher' is not intended to be restricted to those who are employed in teaching philosophy, or to those who hold advanced degrees in philosophy. In particular, it is not intended to exclude graduate students in philosophy.
- Section 2. Any person who considers him/herself eligible for the Society can become a member by paying dues.

Article III Dues

- Section 1. Annual dues shall be set by the Executive Committee, and are payable at the beginning of each academic year to the Treasurer.

Article IV Organization

- Section 1. The affairs of the Society shall be administered by a President and an Executive Director and a Treasurer with the assistance of an Executive Committee.
- Section 2. Terms of office.
- a. The President shall be elected for a three-year term.
- b. The Executive Director and Treasurer shall be elected for three-year terms.
- c. The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve elected members, each serving a three-year term. Terms shall be arranged so that four members shall be elected each year. The President; upon expiration of his term, becomes ex officio a member of the Executive Committee for two years. The Editor of the Journal of the Society of Christian Philosophers shall be a member of the Executive Committee ex officio. The Executive Director and Treasurer shall be members of the Executive Committee ex officio.
- d. 'Year' is to refer to the academic year.

Section 3. Election of officers.

- a. Each February a nominating committee, appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall present a slate of candidates for offices that will fall vacant at the end of that academic year. This list shall include at least two nominations for each office, except that the nominating committee, at its discretion may present only a single nominee for offices of Executive Director and Treasurer.
- b. This list shall be circulated to the membership, and any member can make additional nominations. It will require three nominations from the membership to place a candidate on the ballot.
- c. Before the end of the academic year a ballot containing the names of all candidates will be circulated to the membership.
- d. The person (or, in the case of the Executive Committee, the persons) receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected.

Article V Administration

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. The meeting shall be convened by the President at such time and place as seems most convenient.

Section 2. All matters of basic policy shall be decided by the Executive Committee. If a policy matter needs to be decided between meetings, the President shall poll the Committee by mail.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Society shall be held in conjunction with the various divisions of the American Philosophical Association, the Canadian Philosophical Association, the American Catholic Philosophical Association, and such other organizations as may be designated by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may also arrange for meetings of other sorts, as it sees fit.

Section 2. For each meeting of the Society, the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall be in charge of making all the arrangements for the meeting.

Article VII Amendments

Section 1. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or by any five members.

Section 2. Amendments will be submitted to the membership by mail ballot. A proposed amendment will be accepted if it is approved by two-thirds of those members voting.

2006 Change of Constitution

The Executive committee approved a proposal to divide the existing office of Secretary-Treasurer into two offices: (1) an office of Executive Director, and (2) an office of Treasurer. Each of these positions would have a three-year term, the same as the term of office of Secretary-Treasurer as previously specified in the Constitution. This proposal required the approval of the membership. The membership approved of the change.