

The Canadian Theological Society

constitution

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Article 1: Name

- 1.01 The organization shall be called *The Canadian Theological Society*, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

Article 2: Purpose

- 2.01 The main purpose of the Society shall be to promote the study and teaching of theology.
- 2.02 To serve this purpose, the Society shall organize meetings and other events in various locations in Canada, and shall encourage other forms of communication (e.g. publications) in the discipline of theology.

Article 3: Membership

- 3.01 Any person willing to advance the purpose of the Society is eligible for membership in the Society.
- 3.02 Persons desiring to become members must complete a membership registration form or electronic equivalent.
- 3.03 Categories of membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Society.
- 3.04 Members who pay their annual dues (as applicable) shall remain in good standing.
- 3.05 From time to time, the Annual General Meeting of the Society may designate a current or former member as an Honorary Lifetime Member. Such a person shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Article 4: Annual Dues

- 4.01 The Executive Committee of the Society shall propose a schedule of annual dues.
- 4.02 The schedule of annual dues shall be considered, and approved or revised, by the Annual General Meeting.

Article 5: Officers and Executive Committee

- 5.01 The officers of the Society shall be a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, Communications Officer, a student representative, and other officers as may be determined by the Society.

- 5.02 The officers of the Society shall be elected by the Society at its Annual General Meeting, for terms determined by the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.03 The officers named in Article 5.01 shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Society.
- 5.04 The Executive Committee shall hold and enact the powers of the Society between Annual General Meetings.
- 5.05 The Executive Committee may delegate duties, create *ad hoc* committees, and co-opt members of the Society and others to assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities.
- 5.06 If an officer is unable to fulfill her/his duties, the Executive Committee may appoint another member of the Society to fill the position.

Article 6: Meetings

- 6.01 The Executive shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Society as a whole.
- 6.02 Ten (10) members of the Society shall form a quorum of an Annual General Meeting.
- 6.03 The Executive may convene additional meetings of the Society, regionally or otherwise.
- 6.04 The President of the Society shall convene Executive Committee meetings between Annual General Meetings of the Society. The Past President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings if the President is unable or neglects to do so.
- 6.05 Five (5) officers shall form a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Article 7: Finances

- 7.01 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe custody of all funds belonging to the Society, and shall submit to the Annual General Meeting of the Society an independently verified statement concerning such funds, including income and expenses for the previous year, assets, and liabilities. The Annual General Meeting shall vote on the adoption of the Treasurer's report.
- 7.02 If the independently verified statement is not available at the time of the Annual General Meeting, the Treasurer shall furnish this statement to the Executive Committee not more than sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting. In such a case, the Executive Committee shall vote on the adoption of the Treasurer's report (including the independent statement), and shall make the report available to the membership of the Society as soon as possible thereafter.

Article 8: Amendments

- 8.01 The Society may amend this constitution at any Annual General Meeting upon the successful adoption of a resolution to that effect, approved by a 2/3 majority of Society members present. Such a resolution must be consistent with the Article 2 of this Constitution.

Article 9: Dissolution

- 9.01 In the event that the Canadian Theological Society decides to cease to exist, the following steps shall be taken (9.02 – 9.05).
- 9.02 The Annual Meeting of the Society shall pass a motion to dissolve the Society and discontinue its operations. If an Annual Meeting is not possible to convene, the Executive of the Society shall pass such a motion.
- 9.03 All debts payable by the Society shall be settled by the Treasurer.
- 9.04 All records held by the Society shall be forwarded to the Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion.
- 9.05 Remaining funds held in all accounts of the Society shall be disbursed to the Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion.