

**AMENDMENT 1:** Amend **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP** §1 Membership (c) by striking all after (c) and substituting “The Ph.D., Th.D., or other research doctorate related to biblical or theological studies from an accredited institution shall ordinarily be required for full membership in the Society. In exceptional instances, an individual who lacks the Ph.D., Th.D., or qualified research doctorate may be eligible for full membership upon the approval of the membership committee based on similar qualifications. PROVIDED: Current full members who qualified with a Th.M. will remain full members as long as they retain their membership.”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>(c) <del>A Th.M. degree or its theological equivalent shall ordinarily be required for full membership in the Society. In exceptional instances anyone who lacks the Th.M. degree or its theological equivalent may be eligible for full membership, provided that he has made significant contributions in the realm of theology (such as writing, or administration or teaching in evangelical educational institutions).</del></p>	<p><u>The Ph.D., Th.D., or other research doctorate related to biblical or theological studies from an accredited institution shall ordinarily be required for full membership in the Society. In exceptional instances, an individual who lacks the Ph.D., Th.D., or qualified research doctorate may be eligible for full membership upon the approval of the membership committee based on similar qualifications. PROVIDED: Current full members who qualified with a Th.M. will remain full members as long as they retain their membership.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 2:** Amend **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP** §1 Membership (d) by striking all after “who” and adding “may not qualify for full membership but are in sympathy with the scholarly and theological purposes of the Society. They are to be accepted on the basis of an application, their signature affirming the Doctrinal Basis, and approval of the Executive Director. They shall be nonvoting and subject to the same requirements as full members.”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>(d) Associate members shall be those who <del>are in sympathy with the scholarly and theological purposes of the Society and who desire its publications and fellowship. They are to be accepted upon recommendation of a member as a sponsor and with the approval of the chairperson of the Membership Committee. They shall be nonvoting and subject to the same fees and requirements as full members.</del></p>	<p><u>(d) Associate members shall be those who may not qualify for full membership but are in sympathy with the scholarly and theological purposes of the Society. They are to be accepted on the basis of an application, their signature affirming the Doctrinal Basis, and approval of the Executive Director. They shall be nonvoting members and subject to the same requirements as full members.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 3:** Amend **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP §1 Membership** (e) by striking all after “school” and adding “and are in sympathy with the scholarly and theological purposes of the Society. They are to be accepted on the basis of an application, their signature affirming the Doctrinal Basis, and approval of the Executive Director. They shall be nonvoting members and subject to the same requirements as full members.”

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<p>(e) Student members shall be those who are in college or graduate school. <del>They are to be accepted upon recommendation of a sponsoring member and the approval of the chairperson of the Membership Committee. They shall be nonvoting, subject to the same requirements as full members, except due requirements may be lessened in accordance with paragraph (g) below</del></p>	<p>(e) Student members shall be those who are in college or graduate school <u>and are in sympathy with the scholarly and theological purposes of the Society. They are to be accepted on the basis of an application, their signature affirming the Doctrinal Basis, and approval of the Executive Director. They shall be nonvoting members and subject to the same requirements as full members.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 4:** Amend **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP §2 Membership Application and Maintenance** (a) by striking all after “the” and adding “Executive Director, who shall enroll all qualified applicants according to their qualifications and their affirmation of the Doctrinal Basis by signature. The Executive Director shall consult the Membership Committee as necessary. If an applicant wishes to appeal a membership decision, the applicant shall inform the Executive Director in writing. The appeal will be considered by the Membership Committee, which will rule on the appeal.”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>(a) Applications for membership shall be submitted to the <del>Membership Committee. Upon a two-thirds vote, the committee shall enroll all qualified members.</del></p>	<p>(a) Applications for membership shall be submitted to the <u>Executive Director, who shall enroll all qualified applicants according to their qualifications and their affirmation of the Doctrinal Basis by signature. The Executive Director shall consult the Membership Committee as necessary. If an applicant wishes to appeal a membership decision, the applicant shall inform the Executive Director in writing. The appeal will be considered by the Membership Committee, which will rule on the appeal.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 5:** Amend **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP §2** Membership Application and Maintenance (b) by striking all after (b) and substituting “Membership dues will be set by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Executive Director. Dues shall be paid annually and are good for one year.”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>(b) <del>Dues of \$50 for full members and \$45 for associate members (\$30 for either if retired) are to be paid annually. Dues for student members shall be \$30 annually.</del></p>	<p>(b) <u>Membership dues will be set by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Executive Director. Dues shall be paid annually and are good for one year.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 6:** Amend **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS §1** Conference Meetings (b) by deleting all after (b) and substituting “The President-Elect will serve as the program chair and will arrange for plenary speakers and any special sessions at the national conference meeting.”

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<p>(b) <del>The president-elect will arrange for plenary speakers and any special sessions at the national conference meeting.</del></p>	<p>(b) <u>The President-Elect will serve as the program chair and will arrange for plenary speakers and any special sessions at the national conference meeting.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 7:** Amend **ARTICLE V DIRECTORS §2 Number and Term** (a) and (b) by striking all after “secretary” and substituting “A new Vice-President shall be elected at each annual meeting, who shall serve as President-Elect in the second year, and as President in the third year. (b) “The officers described in paragraph (a) above, together with the four most recent past presidents, shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Executive Director is a nonvoting, ex-officio member.”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>Section 2. <u>Number and Term.</u> The Board of Directors shall consist of eight directors determined as described below. In the interests of board continuity, the directors shall consist of the following:</p> <p>(a) The President, President Elect, Vice President and Secretary, <del>all of whom shall be elected at each annual business meeting of the members.</del></p> <p>(b) <del>In addition to the officers described in paragraph (a) above, four members at large, one to be elected at each annual business meeting, shall serve as directors.</del></p>	<p>Section 2. <u>Number and Term.</u> The Board of Directors shall consist of eight directors determined as described below. In the interests of board continuity, the directors shall consist of the following:</p> <p>(a) The President, President-Elect, Vice-President and Secretary. <u>A new Vice-President shall be elected at each annual meeting, who shall serve as President-Elect in the second year, and as President in the third year.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>The officers described in paragraph (a) above, together with the four most recent past presidents, shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Executive Director is a nonvoting, ex-officio member.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 8:** Amend **ARTICLE VII §2 Nominating Committee** by striking all after “elected” and adding “by plurality vote at the membership annual business meeting, which shall present to the Society a candidate for election to the office of Vice-President at the next membership annual business meeting. This committee shall consider that the officers of the Society should be members who wholeheartedly support the purposes and Doctrinal Basis of the Society, who have been regularly involved in Society activities, and who are recognized for their contributions to evangelical scholarship. The committee will be chaired by the most recent former president serving on the committee.

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>Section 2. <u>Nominating Committee</u>. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of the two most recent former presidents and three members, elected <del>at the membership annual business meeting, which shall present to the Society proposed candidates for election to office at the next membership annual business meeting. This committee shall consider that the officers of the Society should be members who wholeheartedly support the purposes and Doctrinal Basis of the Society, who have been regularly involved in Society activities, and who are recognized for their contributions to evangelical scholarship.</del></p>	<p>Section 2. <u>Nominating Committee</u>. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of the two most recent former presidents and three members, elected <u>by plurality vote at the membership annual business meeting, which shall present to the Society a candidate for election to the office of Vice-President at the next membership annual business meeting. This committee shall consider that the officers of the Society should be members who wholeheartedly support the purposes and Doctrinal Basis of the Society, who have been regularly involved in Society activities, and who are recognized for their contributions to evangelical scholarship. The committee will be chaired by the most recent former president serving on the committee.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 9:** Amend **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES §3 Membership Committee** by striking all after “members” and before “each”, and inserting “who serve a term of three years, two to be elected by plurality vote at”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>Section 3. <u>Membership Committee</u>. The committee shall be composed of the Secretary, who shall serve as the chairperson, together with six members, <del>two to be elected at each membership annual business meeting.</del></p>	<p>Section 3. <u>Membership Committee</u>. The committee shall be composed of the Secretary, who shall serve as the Chair, together with six members, <u>who serve a term of three years, two to be elected by plurality vote at each membership annual business meeting.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 10:** Amend **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES §4 Editorial Committee** by striking all after “editor” and adding “of JETS, who shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve as Chair, and the associate editors. The editor shall report to the Executive Director.”

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<p>Section 4. <u>Editorial Committee</u>. The committee shall be composed of the editor, <del>who shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve as chairperson, together with four members, one to be elected at each membership annual business meeting.</del> The editor shall report to the Board.</p>	<p>Section 4. <u>Editorial Committee</u>. The committee shall be composed of the editor <u>of JETS, who shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve as Chair, and the associate editors.</u> The editor shall report to the <u>Executive Director.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 11:** Amend **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES §8 Vacancies** by striking all after “Vacancies” and adding “With the exception of the Nominating Committee, vacancies on committees may be filled by the Board between annual business meetings of the Society.”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
<p>Section 8. <u>Vacancies</u>. <del>Vacancies may be filled in the interim between annual business meetings of the Society by the Board.</del></p>	<p>Section 8. <u>Vacancies</u>. <u>With the exception of the Nominating Committee, vacancies on committees may be filled by the Board between annual business meetings of the Society.</u></p>

**AMENDMENT 12: AMEND ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS §8 Secretary** by adding “The secretary is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the board.”

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>
Section 8. <u>Secretary</u> . The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and members, shall record all the proceedings of the meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.	Section 8. <u>Secretary</u> . The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and members, shall record all the proceedings of the meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. <u>The Secretary is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the board.</u>

NOTE: based upon feedback from members after reading the amendment in 2021, the Board will be offering an amendment to AMENDMENT 12 making the Secretary a nonvoting member of the Board. The amendment will be brought to the floor and will read:

The Board moves to amend the motion on Bylaws Amendment 12 by adding “as a non-voting member.”

So, if adopted, Amendment 12 will read

Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and members, shall record all the proceedings of the meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The Secretary is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the board as a non-voting member.

**AMENDMENT 13: Amend by adding ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY** “The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.”

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**AMENDMENT 14**

To amend the bylaws by replacing all instances of “Chairman” with “Chair.”

(NOTE: see ARTICLE IV §6, ARTICLE V §5, ARTICLE VI §1 & §2, and ARTICLE VIII §5 for instances.)

**AMENDMENT 15:** Amend all instances of sole masculine pronoun (he, him, or his) by inserting “or she,” “or her” as required.

(NOTE: see ARTICLE III §2 d., ARTICLE IV §3, ARTICLE IV §6, ARTICLE V §3, ARTICLE VI §4, ARTICLE VII §1 for instances.)