

BYLAWS OF THE
WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(As officially adopted by the WTS, November 8, 1969, at Marion, Indiana, and subsequently amended through December 31, 1978).

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Wesleyan Theological Society.

This Society shall be regarded as a commission of the Christian Holiness Association and through its president shall submit a report of its activities to the Annual Convention of the CHA. (This statement is an adaptation of Article V, paragraph 3 and paragraph 1, subparagraph a. Is this the proper place for such a notation? It seems out of place as in the present Constitution).

I would place it either here as the beginning of paragraph II. There is a tie-in with point 2 above.
- L.H.

Relationship to CHA and

ARTICLE II: Purposes

Section 1. Relationship to CHA

The purposes of this Society shall be:

Section 2. Purposes

- A.* To encourage an exchange of ideas among Wesleyan-Arminian scholars and other persons interested in this area;
- B.* To accept leadership for the doctrinal seminar program of the Christian Holiness Association;
- C.* To stimulate scholarship among younger theologians and pastors;
- D.* To publish a journal consisting of significant contributions to Wesleyan-Arminian scholarship.

ARTICLE III: Doctrinal Statement

(As printed and continued precisely in Volume 13, 1978, Journal).

(Note: Is this the logical and proper place for the Doctrinal Statement? It would seem so, rather than at the end or any other place).

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ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1. Types and Privileges of Members in the WTS.

- A.* Full Members are those persons who hold ^{*master*}~~Bachelor~~ of Divinity, Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, or equivalent degrees; or any persons who, in the judgment of the Membership Committee, qualify for full membership. Full members are

entitled to attend all meetings, to vote, to present papers and to receive the Journal.

B. Associate Members are those persons who are not eligible for full membership but who, in the judgment of the Membership Committee, are otherwise qualified for membership. Associate Members shall be entitled to attend all meetings, to present papers upon the recommendation of a full member and to receive the Journal. Associate members may be transferred to full membership status by action of the Membership Committee at the request of the member or upon the recommendation of the committee.

C. Student Members are those persons who are currently enrolled in Bible Colleges, Bible Institutes, Colleges or Graduate Schools of study. Student members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Society and to receive the Journal. Upon the completion of their formal academic training Student Members must notify the Secretary in writing and elect the type of membership they desire and for which they are qualified.

D. Honorary Members

E. Active Members are those ~~persons~~ ^{full, associate, and student members} who have not become delinquent in the payment of their dues or who have not requested an inactive status in the Society.

F. Inactive Members are those ~~persons~~ ^{full, associate, and student members} who have been delinquent in the payment of their dues for two consecutive years or who have requested an inactive status in the Society. Inactive members shall forfeit all rights and privileges of their membership.

Section 2. Qualifications for Membership.

A. All members must be in full accord with the doctrinal statement of the Society, as given in Article III of these Bylaws.

B. Persons who desire membership in the WTS ~~must~~ ^{shall} complete the membership application form, pay the membership dues for one year in advance and submit the application to the Membership Committee.

C. All applicants for membership must be recommended by a full member of the Society.

D. After ~~a person~~ ^{having} has been approved for membership in the Society by the Membership Committee, ~~a person~~ ^{members} may change ~~their type~~ ^{from one type} of membership by written request to the Secretary and ~~upon~~ ^{as another} approval of the Membership Committee. ~~the~~ ^{qualify}

Section 3. Membership Dues.

A. Membership dues shall be based upon the calendar year.

B. Membership dues shall be determined annually upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee ~~and by~~ ^{at any time} a majority vote of the full members present and voting at a regular business meeting of the Society.

C. Any member who does not pay dues during a given calendar year will not receive the Journal the following year until the dues are paid in full for the current year as well as the past year.

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 D. Members who do not *they may* pay their dues for two years *or more, up to five years* shall be placed on the inactive list ~~and shall not~~ be restored to active membership ~~until~~ dues for the current year and the immediate past year are paid in full; whereupon the ~~member~~ shall receive the Journal for both years.

E. After five or more years of inactive membership a person must reapply for membership in the Society.

F. Members who have been active for three or more years in the Society, upon formal retirement from their ministry and upon ~~the~~ notification of the Secretary in writing, may be exempted from further payment of dues, with full rights and privileges accorded them in the type of membership they have maintained before retirement.

(NOTE: Should this be titled Honorary Members and be placed under Section 1 of this Article, and become subparagraph F?)

I would put it under Section 1, make it "F," but title it Honorary Members.

ARTICLE V: Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a President-elect, a Secretary-Treasurer and a Promotional Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee of not fewer than five persons, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall nominate candidates for the offices and committee memberships to be filled at the annual meeting of the Society. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot using every reasonable effort to submit at least two names as nominees for each office or committee membership, with additional nominations from the floor permitted before the election.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected ~~normally~~ for a three-year term. The term of the officers shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 4. In case of a vacancy in any office except that of President, the Executive Committee shall appoint an eligible person from the membership to fill the unexpired term and/or until the regular election at the annual meeting. *If the office of the President becomes vacant the President-elect shall succeed to that office and the Executive Committee shall appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term of the President-elect.*

ARTICLE VI: Duties of the Officers.

Section 1. The president shall preside at all business meetings; he shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee; he shall present an annual report of the activities of the Society to the Christian Holiness Association at the time of its Annual Convention; and, he shall represent the general interests of the Society.

Section 2. The president-elect shall serve as the chairman of the Program and Arrangements Committee to plan and promote the program for the annual meeting which occurs during his term of office.

He shall fulfill the duties of the president if the latter is unable to serve. He shall succeed to the office of the president when the president's term of office expires.

(What if the president's office becomes vacant? - does the president-elect fill the vacancy + his year of service? Needs to be spelled out.)

Section 3. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain the records and properties of the Society; he shall collect and disburse its funds; he shall provide for adequate insurance for the properties of the Society in consultation with the Executive Committee; he shall prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval before it is presented to the annual business meeting; he shall present a fiscal report to the membership at the annual meeting; he shall submit the financial records to an auditor who is approved by the Executive Committee prior to the presentation of the fiscal report at the annual meeting; and, he shall report periodically to the Executive Committee, as deemed necessary, in the interim between the annual meetings. Disbursement of funds shall be at the direction of the Executive Committee, except for regular and routine matters.

(NOTE: In a sense, this is a job description of what presently pertains, with some minor revisions of what is currently in the Constitution. It seems imperative to me that these items be given in this detail to efficiently operate the office).

What are the duties of the Promotional Secretary?
Section 4.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

Section 1. The Society shall meet annually on the first Friday and Saturday of November for the prepared program and the business meeting.

Section 2. The fiscal year shall be from November 1, to October 31, to correspond with the annual meeting and the term of officers and committee members.

Section 3. The place of the annual meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee, from written invitations submitted by the chief administrator of an institution or other facility.

Section 4. The active full members of the Society who are present at the annual business meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Regional meetings may be developed as interest in the Society grows.

ARTICLE VIII: The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society and the chairman of the Editorial Committee.

Section 2. The duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be,

A. To act in the interim between the annual meetings of the Society;

B. To appoint a Nominating Committee of not fewer than five persons from among the active full membership, one of whom shall be named as the chairman, the committee being appointed no later than September 1, each year;

C. To serve as the Program and Arrangements Committee, with the president-elect as chairman;

D. To determine the place of the annual meeting from the written invitations received from the chief administrator of an institution or other facility.

E. To direct the disbursement of funds, except for regular and routine matters;

F. To review and approve the annual budget prepared by the secretary-treasurer, prior to its presentation for adoption by the membership at the annual meeting;

G. To periodically review the insurance coverage of the Society's properties with the secretary-treasurer;

H. To annually review and set the price of the Journal to be sold in single copies or in sets to the various publics and to publicize the same in the Journal;

I. To annually review the amount of the membership dues and to make recommendation to the membership at the annual business meeting, ~~if there is to be a change,~~

J. To provide for the financial remuneration of the secretary-treasurer from the funds of the Society;

K. To work with the Editorial Committee in determining the content of the Society's publications; and,

L. To approve the minutes of the annual business meeting and the minutes of the Executive Committee.

M. To appoint an eligible person from the membership to fill any vacancy which occurs in the interim between the annual meeting of the President.

ARTICLE IX: Committees

Section 1. A Program and Arrangements Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, with the president-elect as chairman. It shall secure personnel and complete arrangements for the annual meetings and for all the seminar programs of the Society.

Section 2. A Membership Committee shall consist of three members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years, with one member retiring each year. The senior member of the committee shall serve as its chairman. The committee shall review all applications for membership in the Society, as well as requests for change of the type of membership, and approve or disapprove the applications or requests in accordance with the bylaws.

Section 3. An Editorial Committee shall consist of the Chairman, who shall be elected for three years and who shall serve as

I would omit this - the recommendation to continue dues as is should still be made as an inherent part of the budget making process
you may get tired of me doing this - it seems to be customary for you, but I have always seen it the other way and can't understand its meaning the way you have it - sorry

the Editor of the Journal, in addition to two other persons, each of whom shall serve for a term of three years, with one member elected or reelected each year. The Committee shall select materials and prepare the Society's Journal for publication; it shall work in cooperation with the Executive Committee in determining the content of the WTS publications, ~~and;~~ ^{and;} it shall have as its primary resources those papers and addresses presented at the Annual Convention of the Christian Holiness Association, papers presented at the annual meetings of the Society, and papers presented at regional seminars sponsored by the Christian Holiness Association. (NOTE: It seemed more appropriate to relocate the last part of this section from its present location in Article II, subparagraph 4 of the Constitution).

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ARTICLE X: 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.

ARTICLE XI: Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws can be amended at any regular business meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the active full members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the members of the Society at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting to which it will be submitted.