

BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY

I. Standing Committees

1. A Program Committee of at least ten members shall be appointed by the President-Elect within 90 days of agreeing to serve as President. The President shall appoint a member as chair of the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting and, in consultation with the Program Chair, shall appoint additional members of the Program Committee. The Program Chair shall supervise the review of submissions to the Annual Meeting, assemble the Program, and supervise the editing of the *Yearbook*.

2. An Election Committee of seven members shall be elected in the following manner: At least four months before the annual business meeting of the Society, the Executive Director shall email to each member a list of names of eleven members of the Society selected by the President as candidates for the Election Committee. Each Member shall be asked to vote for seven of the persons whose names are on the list no later than three months before the annual business meeting. The seven persons receiving the most votes shall constitute the Election Committee, and the Executive Director shall notify the President of the names of the members elected. The President shall appoint one of the elected members Chair of the Election Committee.

The incoming Election Committee shall confer immediately, after which the Chair of the Election Committee shall seek suggestions for nominations from the Society's membership at large. In accordance with the Constitutional provisions for eligibility, the Election Committee will select one nominee for the position of President-Elect and two nominees each for the Executive Board and the Commission on Professional Affairs. The Chair of the Election Committee will supervise the nomination of one Member of the Society to serve as Executive Director, including the

reappointment of the sitting Executive Director in accordance with the three-year term limit. The Chair of the Election Committee will supervise the nomination of one Member of the Society to serve as Communications Director, including the reappointment of the sitting Communications Director.

After generating a list of nominations (from within the Election Committee and from the membership at large) the election committee shall confer electronically to select the President-Elect and the nominees for each of the other vacancies. The Chair of the Election Committee will then contact all of the nominees to make sure they are willing to serve or run for each position. At least one month before the annual business meeting the Executive Director shall conduct an election electronically for these positions to be completed prior to the annual meeting. The Election Committee Chair shall notify each of the nominees of the results of the election prior to the meeting, and then shall announce the persons elected at the annual business meeting.

3. A Membership Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the incoming President to staggered terms of three years. The Chair shall be appointed by the President, and members shall not serve more than two successive terms. The function of the membership committee is to track (in consultation with the Executive Director) trends in conference registration and membership, consider ways of strengthening the connection of current members to the society, and explore means for attracting new members.

4. A Finance Committee of at least four members shall be appointed by the incoming President to staggered terms of three years (with the possibility of renewal). The Chair shall be elected by the members of the Committee. The function of the Committee shall be to review the PES investment strategy and portfolio, as well as the Society's annual budget, and to recommend substantive and procedural changes as necessary to the Executive Board.

5. A Conference Management Committee of at least two members shall be appointed by the incoming President to staggered terms of two years (with the possibility of renewal). The member who is in the second year of service to the committee shall be designated as Chair of the committee. Additionally, the Chair of the Finance Committee and a Hospitality Chair, appointed by the incoming President, shall serve as ex officio members. The function of the Conference Management Committee shall

include but not be limited to consulting with the professional meeting planner about conference locations and hotel negotiations, ensuring that PES receives everything that was negotiated in the hotel contract, monitoring room reservations, determining and ordering meeting room set-up orders and food orders, and meticulously reviewing the Banquet and Event Orders (BEOs) and the final bill from the hotel.

6. A Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, consisting of five members, shall be appointed by the incoming President to staggered terms of three years. The Chair shall be appointed by the President of the Society. The Committee on the Status of Women will study and promote the status of women in Philosophy of Education.

7. A Jobs for Philosophers of Education Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the incoming President to staggered terms of two years. The Chair shall be appointed by the President. The Jobs Committee shall select one of its members to serve as a non-voting liaison on the Commission on Professional Affairs. The function of the Committee shall be to promote equal opportunity employment practices by members of the Society and their affiliated institutions. The Committee will take responsibility for regular communication with the members of the society on issues related to the employment of philosophers of education, using such vehicles as newsletters, email, and scheduled sessions in annual meetings of the Society.

8. A Committee on Race and Ethnicity, consisting of five members, shall be appointed by the incoming President to staggered terms of three years. The Chair shall be appointed by the President. The Committee on Race and Ethnicity will promote and support the study of race and ethnicity in philosophy of education.

II. Special Interest Groups

Any member can propose a Special Interest Group (SIG), whether temporary or permanent, on a topic they believe holds the interest of a group of members. To propose a SIG, the member must show the interest of at least 5 other members and have the proposal approved by a simple majority at the annual business meeting. A SIG is not entitled to a paper or alternative session on the program, but can request of that year's Program Chair the inclusion of a breakfast meeting on the program. If a SIG submits a proposal for a paper or alternative session, it will be subject to the same review process as other paper and alternative session proposals.

III. Meetings

The Society shall have at least one general meeting each year.

IV. Affiliation

A Region may apply to the Executive Board of the Society for affiliation by submitting evidence that the requirements for affiliation have been met. To be eligible for such affiliation they must meet the following criteria: (1) Not fewer than three, preferably five or more, Members shall have constituted themselves into a Region. (2) A Region shall appoint a Regional Representative to the Society, and s/he shall be selected from among the Members of the Regional Society. (3) Qualification for membership shall be determined by the Region. (4) The Constitution of the Region shall incorporate the statement concerning purposes from the Constitution of the Society.

The Region shall have the right to use the name of the Society on its letterhead.

V. Dues

The annual dues shall be set, with the restrictions set out below, by a majority vote of the Executive Board, but no change in the amount of dues shall apply until the fiscal year following that in which dues are set. The Executive Board shall set a progressive schedule of dues (based on income) that applies to all members, including student members. Failure to pay dues for two years in succession is to be treated as a termination of membership. Former members may regain membership by paying the current year's dues.

VI. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on July 1 and end on the following June 30.

VII. Bylaws

Bylaws of the Society may be changed by a majority of those voting at any annual business meeting of the Society.

[Bylaws amended, 1981]

[Bylaws amended, 1984, to include Committee of Honors]

[Bylaws amended, 1986, to delete Committee of Honors]

[Bylaws amended, 1988, to delete the Jobs for Philosophers
Committee]

[Bylaw 1, part 2 amended, 1989]

[Bylaws I.5 and I.6 added, 1995, to add Jobs Committee and CLSE Liaison
Committee]

[Bylaws amended, 2015]

[Bylaws amended, 2016]

[Bylaws amended, 2018]