

BYLAWS
of
The John Dewey Society

Article I. Purpose

To detail the procedures that The John Dewey Society will follow to conduct business in an orderly manner. To further define to the Articles of the Constitution.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Requirements: Any person who is willing to support the purposes of the Society in the Constitution is eligible to become a Member.

Section 2: Categories: The basic category of membership is Member.

Section 3: Dues: All members will pay annual dues established by the Executive Board at the annual meeting. Once set, the annual dues must remain unchanged until the next annual meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 4: Terms: Membership is for the calendar year beginning January 1.

Section 5: Privileges:

- a. Members receive all Society publications issued for the calendar year of their membership;
- b. Each member is entitled to one vote in the election of President-Elect and Board of Directors of the Society;
- c. Members are eligible to serve as Officers of the Society, as members of the Board of Directors, and as Commission or Committee Chairpersons;
- d. Each member is eligible to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, to participate in discussion, and to vote.

Section 6: Annual Membership Meeting: There will be one Membership Meeting each calendar year, open to all members of the Society, the purpose of which is to discuss goals and activities of the Society. Formal recommendations to the Executive Board may be made at this meeting by a simple majority of those present and voting.

Article III. Meetings

Annual Meeting: There shall be at least one Annual Meeting, which can coincide with the Annual Membership Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall include the John Dewey Lecture and the John Dewey Symposium. The Lecture and Symposium are the responsibility of the President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer as set forth in Article IV, Section 2, b, 2 and 3, of the Bylaws.

Article IV. Executive Board

Section 1: Composition and Duties:

- a. The Executive Board includes the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and Board of Directors.

- b. The Duties of the Executive Board:
 - (1) approves presidential appointments of Editors of all Society publications;
 - (2) approves Commission and Committee reports, including the annual budget, as presented by the President, in consultation with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer;
 - (3) appoints Members to serve unexpired Directors' terms;
 - (4) considers recommendations made at the Annual Membership Meeting;
 - (5) elects a Member to be President if the President is unable to serve;
 - (6) elects a Member to be President-Elect if the President-Elect is unable to serve;
 - (7) may appoint and dismiss such other officers as are necessary to conduct the business of the Society. Such officers shall be nonvoting, ex-officio members of the Executive Board;
 - (8) takes such other actions as are necessary to implement the purposes of the Society;
 - (9) appoints the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. In the instance of reappointment, the current Executive Secretary-Treasurer will recuse him or herself from voting.

Section 2. Officers, Terms, and Duties:

a. The President:

- (1) holds office for two calendar years and serves as a member of the Executive Board the following two years as the Immediate Past President;
- (2) presides at all membership and Executive Board meetings of the Society;
- (3) represents the Society and speaks on established policies for the Executive Board and the membership;
- (4) fixes the time and place of the meetings of the Society;
- (5) plans the program of research and publication;
- (6) names the John Dewey Lecturer and the participants in the John Dewey Symposium;
- (7) establishes Commissions and Committees;
- (8) appoints and dismisses Commission and Committee Chairpersons.

b. The Duties of the President:

- (1) sets the theme of the two annual meetings over which he or she will preside during their term of presidency in consultation with the Executive Board;
- (2) is responsible for all arrangements at the Annual Meeting of the Society, in consultation with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, President-Elect, and Board of Directors;
- (3) names the annual John Dewey Lecturer ;
 - (a) The President shall nominate only John Dewey Society Lecturers who are likely to produce a book for distribution to all members and the royalties of which shall accrue to the Society. When this is not possible, the President shall see that a paper is provided for publication in *Education & Culture*, the length of which shall be determined by the editor of the journal at that time;
- (4) names the annual John Dewey Symposium participants;
- (5) appoints, annually, a Nominating Committee of at least three Members of the Society who are not members of the Executive Board to name from the Members of the Society a slate of at least six nominees for the three Director vacancies occurring the following year. In odd-numbered years, the Nominating Committee also selects from the Members of the Society at least two nominees for the office of President-Elect;

- (6) appoints a committee of at least three members to name the recipient of the annual John Dewey Society Outstanding Contribution Award and other awards as deemed appropriate.
- c. The President-Elect:
 - (1) serves for two calendar years following election as President-Elect, formally assuming the office of President at the conclusion of the annual meeting following this two-year term;
 - (2) presides, in the absence of the President, at all membership and Executive Board meetings of the Society.
 - d. Duties of the President-Elect:
 - (1) chairs the annual program committee, which referees all submissions to the annual conference program and arranges the session(s) in consultation with the President and Executive Secretary-Treasurer;
 - (2) consults with the President, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and Board of Directors regarding the business of the Society.
 - e. The Immediate Past-President:
 - (1) serves as a member of the Executive Board for two calendar years after serving as President;
 - (2) consults with the President and President-Elect when called upon.
 - f. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer:
 - (1) is appointed by the Board of Directors, in consultation with the President and President-Elect, for a term of three calendar years, which is renewable;
 - (2) takes charge of all funds, disburses them as directed by the Executive Board, and renders a financial account to the Executive Board at each meeting;
 - (3) conducts the election of Directors and President-Elect required by Article V, Section 1, b, in these Bylaws;
 - (4) maintains membership records and prepares a membership directory;
 - (5) arranges for distribution of the Society's publications.

Section 3. Board of Directors, Term and Duties:

- a. Three Directors are to be elected each year for a term of three years, coinciding with the annual meeting, and may not succeed themselves except by appointment, according to Article IV, Section 1, b, 3, should a vacancy occur on the Executive Board;
- b. Directors fulfill the functions of the Executive Board listed in Article IV, Section 1, b.

Article V. Elections

Section 1. Election of Directors and President-Elect:

- a. Nominating Committee:
 - (1) The President will appoint, annually, a Nominating Committee of at least three Members of the Society who are not members of the Executive Board to name from the Members of the Society a slate of at least six nominees for the three Director vacancies occurring the following year;
 - (2) In odd-numbered years, the Nominating Committee also selects from the Members of the Society at least two nominees for the office of President-Elect.
- b. Elections:
 - (1) The Executive Secretary-Treasurer will prepare and distribute an official ballot with names and biographical data of nominees for Directors and, in odd-numbered years, the President-Elect;
 - (2) The one nominee for President-Elect receiving the larger number of votes is elected President-Elect and the three nominees for Directors receiving the largest number of votes are elected Directors;
 - (3) The President-Elect and Directors will be notified by the President of their election and will assume office at the annual meeting of the Society.

Section 2. Vacancies:

- (1) Vacancies in the Board of Directors are filled by appointment by the Executive Board from the Members of the Society according to Article IV, Section 1, b, 3, of these Bylaws;
- (2) Vacancies in the office of President or President-Elect are filled by appointment by the Executive Board according to Article IV, Section 1, b, 5 and 6, of these Bylaws.

Section 3. Commissions and Committees:

- (a) The President authorizes and appoints ad hoc Committees to carry out the short-term tasks of the Society;
- (b) The Executive Board authorizes and appoints Commissions to carry out the long-term tasks of the Society;
- (c) The standing committee of the Society is the Nominating Committee.

Article VI. Publications

The Society's publications shall include the publication of the journals *Education & Culture* and *School & Society*. The editors of the journals are appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Board. Editors serve a term of three calendar years, which is renewable.

Article VII. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of the members voting, provided that the Executive Board has mailed the proposed amendments to all members at least four weeks prior to the time of the vote.

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