

## **Constitution of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society**

1. The Name of this Organisation shall be the Friedrich Nietzsche Society.
2. The Aim of this Society shall be to Promote and Develop the Study of the Life, Work and Influence of Friedrich Nietzsche across the Different Disciplines, and the Different Traditions and Communities of Nietzsche-Scholarship.
3. The purpose of the Society shall be served by:
  - Holding an annual or a biennial conference;
  - Supporting and assisting in the publications of presentations at the annual conference;
  - Liaising with the *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, where appropriate, for purposes such as book reviews, reviewing articles submitted, news, forthcoming events etc.;
  - Organising or supporting special meetings and conferences with Nietzsche groups and societies in Europe and the United States;
  - Publishing the membership list of the Society together with their research interests;
  - Supporting any further initiatives deemed by the Executive Committee to advance the aims of the Society stated in 2;
  - The work of the Executive Committee of the Society.
4. Full membership of the Society shall be open to anyone with an interest in Nietzsche and who subscribes to the aims stated in 2 and 3.
5. All paid up members may attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Society, and vote on resolutions. Members may submit items for the AGM agenda in writing to the Secretary of the Society not later than 28 days prior to the date of the AGM. Officers of the Society can propose and accept items for the agenda at any time.
6. The AGM of the Society approves the Constitution of the Society, including any subsequent changes to it, elects the Officers (which includes members of the Executive Committee), determines the amount of the annual subscription, and approves the financial report prepared by the Treasurer.
7. The Society may elect one or more Honorary Presidents who will retain the title for life.
8. The Officers of the Society consist of the President, the Secretary, Treasurer, the Webmaster, the FNS-JNS Liaison Officer, and the members of the Executive Committee, to be made up of a maximum of fifteen members (including *ex officio* members). Three positions should become vacant at the end of every three years or at the next conference thereafter..

9. With the President's approval, the Secretary and Webmaster may also appoint Assistants and Newsletter-Editors as required. The President shall also appoint Liaison Officers in order to promote links with Communities of Nietzsche-Scholarship in Europe, the US and elsewhere. These appointments fall outside the Executive Committee, and the appointing Officer is responsible for their activities.
10. The President shall hold office for three years\* and may be eligible for re-election for a further three-year\* period. If he or she is unable to attend the Society's annual conference or temporarily unable to perform his or her other duties due to illness or any other grave reason, he or she may appoint a Vice President from among the Officers of the Society. If the office of President becomes vacant through death, incapacity or resignation before its normal expiry, the members of the Executive Committee, on the initiative of the Secretary, will appoint an Acting President until the next AGM of the Society.
11. The Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and FNS-JNS Liaison Officer shall all hold office for three years\* and are eligible for re-election for another three year\* period. If any of them dies, becomes incapacitated or resigns office before its normal expiry, the President shall appoint a member of the Society to perform their duties until the next AGM.
12. The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of the Chief Officers of the Society (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, FNS-JNS Liaison Officer), who shall be *ex officio* members, and up to a maximum of ten members elected by the AGM for a period of three years\* who shall be eligible for re-election for a further three-year\* period. *Ex officio* members of the Executive Committee may be elected to the Committee when they have ceased to hold a Chief Office of the Society.
13. Duties of the Executive Committee shall include assisting with the necessary arrangements for the annual or biennial conference, preparing the agenda of the business meeting of the Society, preparing nominations to offices of the Society as they become vacant and making its nominations known to the members of the Society. The duties of the President shall include acting on behalf of the Executive Committee and in consultation with it, in the matters stated above, co-ordinating the regular business meeting, and taking responsibility in conjunction with the Secretary for publicising the aims and activities of the Society. The duties of the Secretary shall include the maintenance of the Society's membership list, communicating with JNS concerning the list of reduced- subscription members, communicating with the membership on Society matters, including membership, dues, the date and venue of the conference. The duties of the Treasurer will include receiving all money due to, and pay all money owing by, the Society, keeping proper accounts of receipts and payments and of the assets and liabilities of the Society. The duties of the Webmaster shall include maintenance, supervision and regular updating of the Society webpage. The duties of the FNS-JNS Liaison

Officer shall include informing the Executive Committee of significant developments in the Journal, and liaising with the Journal's Editorial staff on behalf of the Society, so as to maintain and develop the special relationship between the Journal and the Society, where possible and where it serves the interests of the Society and its members.

14. Nominations to the offices of the Society shall be prepared by the Executive Committee of the Society and presented to members of the Society for voting, with the consent of the nominee. All elections to office shall be held at the regular business meeting, except in cases in which there is more than one candidate for a given office. In such cases election of that office shall be by mail ballot to all members, mailed within 30 days of the regular business meeting by the President. Election will be by majority of those voting.
15. The Society may dissolve itself by a 2/3 vote of its members attending the AGM provided that a proposal to that effect has been put forward at the preceding AGM and all paid up members of the Society have been informed by the Secretary in writing at least 28 days before the date of the AGM at which the proposal is to be voted on.
16. In the case of dissolution, the AGM determines to what other institution or society the net assets of the Society are to be transferred.

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\* If there is no conference at the end of the three-year period, the term of office shall run until the next conference, subject to the consent of the Officer(s) concerned. Failing consent, the President may appoint Acting Officers until the next AGM with the approval of the Executive Committee.