



SLLS By-laws APPROVED DURING GENERAL MEETING 28 SEPT 2019

1 Membership

- 1.1 There shall be the following classes of membership: regular, student, developing countries¹.
- 1.2 Any person interested in becoming a member of the Society must notify the secretary of the Society. Upon notification of acceptance by the board, the new member must pay the membership fee.
- 1.3 Any person may become a regular member by payment of dues (Article 4.3 of Statutes)
- 1.4 Any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled as a candidate for a degree in a recognized college or university may apply to pay a reduced fee. Student membership in the Society requires that the individual submit a verification of student status for the period or part of the period until the following TISLR meeting.
- 1.5 Any person from a developing country¹ can apply for the reduced fee by writing to the secretary with a clear motivation.
- 1.6 Membership is personal and consequently not transferable or inheritable.
- 1.7 The dues payable by individual members for the period starting at a General Meeting and continuing until the subsequent General Meeting are set by the SLLS Board for each period.
- 1.8 The Society members are expected to pay their fees upon registration for the TISLR meeting, the 3-yearly research meeting of the Society. Otherwise, they have to follow the standard procedure established at the Society's webpage and comply with the payment deadline.
- 1.9 Ending of membership as a consequence of resignation or of a board decision does not entitle the former member to restitution of the fee or part of it. (Article 5.4)

¹ See www.unesco.com

- 1.10 The board can only decide to end the membership due to non-payment of the contribution that is if the member fails to pay the contribution after the lapse of one year (Article 6.3).
- 1.11 Membership entitles the member to a reduced registration fee for the TISLR meeting.
- 1.12 Membership entitles the member to discounts on journal subscriptions and books for which the Society has reached an agreement with the relevant publishers.

2 Board

- 2.1 The board consists of minimally three and maximally eight persons elected at the members' general meeting (Article 7.1).
- 2.2 The general meeting nominates candidates for the board from the existing members (Article 7.2).
- 2.3 The board consists of the president/chair, secretary and treasurer, with possibly a vice-president/chair and other members. The president/chair shall convene and preside over the meetings of the board and the general meeting. The secretary shall keep all records and prepare such documents and publications as the board considers appropriate. The treasurer shall manage the funds of the association by keeping regular accounts. Of the positions of secretary, treasurer or president no two may be combined in one person (Article 7.3).
- 2.4 The board members are elected for a period of three years and can be re-elected for two further periods of three years. The secretary and treasurer are an exception in that their membership of the board may be extended for a longer period in the interests of continuity of the local organization (Article 7.4).
- 2.5 When electing the board, it is recommendable to include at least two/three members from the resigning board, if the general meeting agrees to it.
- 2.6 The board should be drawn from three or more countries if possible (Article 7.6).

3 Advisory Board

- 3.1 The members of the advisory board are expected to fulfill a bridge function between the board and the specific needs of SL research practitioners around the world.
- 3.2 The advisory board has a consulting role only and is granted no executive or representative function.

- 3.3 Nominations for candidates for the Advisory Board must reach the Board one (1) month prior to the General Meeting.
- 3.4 A nominated candidate must be a paid-up member of SLLS and must agree to be nominated.
- 3.5 At least one member will be elected per continent (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North-America, South-America) by the General Meeting.

4 Auditing committee

- 4.1 The members of the Auditing Committee must check the financial reports and accounts prepared by the treasurer. They must officially approve both reports and accounts to the General Meeting.
- 4.2 Nominations for candidates for the Auditing Committee must reach the Board one (1) month prior to the General Meeting. The members of the Auditing Committee are elected for the following period of three (3) years until the next General Meeting.
- 4.3 A nominated candidate must be a paid-up member of SLLS and must agree to be nominated.

5 General Meeting (Article 11 of statutes))

- 5.1 The general meeting of the members of SLLS takes place at the international research meeting, in principle every three years.
- 5.2 Notification of the meeting will be posted twelve months prior to the meeting.
- 5.3 Agenda items and nominations for board members must be received by the secretary three months prior to the meeting.
- 5.4 The meeting must include the reports from the board and the treasurer's report relating to 10.3. These reports must be approved by a general vote.
- 5.5 The meeting must elect the two members for the Auditing Committee.
- 5.6 The meeting must elect the board members.
- 5.7 The agenda, board report and treasurer's report will be sent to all members one month prior to the meeting. The nominations for the board vacancies will also be posted.
- 5.8 If the international research meeting does not take place within three years of the previous one, the board can decide to organize the general meeting at the next appropriate moment conform Article 11.2.

6 TISLR Meeting

- 6.1 TISLR is the official research meeting of the Society and in principle it is organized every three years. The members general meeting will take place during the TISLR conference.
- 6.2 Candidate TISLR hosts make a proposal to the board well before the next TISLR meeting and preferably six years in advance. The proposal should contain information as to the site provision, suggested dates, financing etc. The board will inform the members at the general meeting and invite the proposers to give a presentation. The general meeting will choose the next TISLR host.
- 6.3 Given that one of the main functions of the Society is to guarantee the continuity and quality standards of the TISLR research meeting, the board will support the local organizing committee to the extent possible in issues such as the following:
 - guaranteeing the quality and coverage of interpreting between signed and spoken languages
 - supporting the local organizers in applications for funding
 - giving advice on the dates, the composition of the scientific committee, etc.
 - suggesting a conference theme
 - providing the expertise accumulated from the organization of previous editions of the conference
 - helping organize satellite events such as summer/winter schools or thematic workshops
 - offering financial support, to the extent that the Society's finances allow for it.

7 Members' Database

- 7.1 The database containing the information about the Society's members will be exclusively used for the functioning of the Society and is protected by Dutch law.
- 7.2 The members' mailing list will be used only to contact members on issues concerning the Society or professional activities related to the field of SL research. Commercial information relevant for the practice of SL research will not be distributed through the mailing list, but might be posted on the SLLS website, after the evaluation of the board.

8 Financial Resources

- 8.1 The financial resources of the SLLS consist of the following
- dues paid by individual members
 - benefits derived from registration at the TISLR meeting or other research events organized by the Society
 - grants, subsidies and money gifts
 - other chance benefits.
- 8.2 Expenses for the administration of the board may be paid from the resources, for example for the upkeep of the website, and possible travel expenses for one or more board member to the TISLR host for the purposes for giving advice.

9 By-laws

- 9.1 The by-laws can be changed or added to by a majority vote at the general meeting of the society.
- 9.2 An amendment of the by-laws must be proposed as a point on the agenda (see 5.3 for agenda points) with a formulation of the point to be changed or added. This will be voted on in the general meeting.
- 9.3 The by-laws may contain no clauses which deviate from or are at odds with clauses in the Dutch law or in the statutes.