

CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PAPYROLOGISTS

Part I

1. The American Society of Papyrologists, a non-profit association, is the American component of the Association Internationale de Papyrologues. The purpose of the Association Internationale de Papyrologues is to assist international collaboration in the field of papyrology, and to contribute to the progress of this science by the organization of international congresses, by the publication or revision of works of reference or of other subsidia essential to papyrology, and by all other means which are judged useful.
2. The American Society of Papyrologists, organized exclusively for educational purposes as a component of the Association Internationale de Papyrologues, subscribes and assists in the work of the Association Internationale de Papyrologues, with particular attention to the problems of scholars in the Western Hemisphere.
3. The American Society of Papyrologists holds an annual meeting to review problems of the science and to propose new efforts to advance knowledge in the field. The Society subsidizes educational research, provides scholarships and fellowships to students who need financial aid, and provides facilities for communication among scholars working in the field. The Society will undertake these educational projects and any other educational projects as may be directed by the Executive Board or the members meeting in annual session.
4. Membership in the American Society of Papyrologists is gained through membership in the Association Internationale de Papyrologues, but is limited in general to those members of the Association Internationale whose permanent residence is in the Western Hemisphere. Guest membership will from time to time be extended to such members of the Association Internationale as are residing temporarily in the Western Hemisphere.
5. Although the membership of the two associations is joint, there will be no commingling of funds of the two associations. Any funds which may come into the hands of the American Society of Papyrologists will be completely separate from the funds of the Association Internationale de Papyrologues and will be disbursed only at the discretion of the Executive Board or of the members meeting in annual session. All requirements of the laws of the United States of America and of the State of Connecticut which may affect this organization will be observed without regard to procedures, policies, regulations, or customs of the Association Internationale de Papyrologues.

Part II

1. The American Society of Papyrologists is administered by an Executive Board composed of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and four other members, all elected by the members in annual meeting. The officers and members of the Executive Board will serve for two years, and may be re-elected.
2. The American Society of Papyrologists shall at no time take action in any political campaign in behalf of any candidate for public office, or at any time carry on propaganda or other activities to influence legislation. There shall be no amendments to this constitution in conflict with Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code or in conflict with later amendments to or substitutions for Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code. No programs shall be undertaken by the American Society of Papyrologists which may be in conflict with Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code or in conflict with later amendments to or substitutions for Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code.
3. No part of the Society's income is distributable to its members, directors, or officers. This article shall not preclude reimbursement for expenses incurred in the Society's behalf, nor shall it prevent defrayment of expenses in behalf of the Society's educational programs and projects.
4. The annual meeting has full powers to propose and enact educational programs and projects at its discretion, and to ratify the actions of the Executive Board. The annual meeting has the sole power (a) to elect officers and members of the Executive Board, (b) to modify the constitution, and (c) to levy any dues. The deliberations and decisions of the annual meeting will be valid regardless of the number of members present, and will be obligatory upon all.
5. Except for the provisions of the preceding article, the Executive Board has full power to administer the American Society of Papyrologists and to initiate educational projects for the Society towards the realization of its objectives. Decisions and acts of the Executive Board must have the assent of four members of the Executive Board.
6. The fiscal year of the Society is July 1 to June 30.

Part III

1. The American Society of Papyrologists shall not be dissolved except by the consent of three-quarters of the members. Any proposal for such dissolution, or any proposal for change in the basic purpose of the Society shall rest for one year before any vote is taken, and all members shall be notified of said proposal.
2. If the American Society of Papyrologists should be dissolved, or if the basic purpose of the Society should be changed, any funds or other assets which the Society may hold shall be transferred to another non-profit association with the same purpose or aim as the original purpose of the Society, or which will undertake to accomplish such purpose or aim.
3. If funds or assets are transferred upon dissolution, they shall in any case be transferred only to an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.