

BY-LAWS OF THE D.H. LAWRENCE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this society shall be the D.H. Lawrence Society of North America.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the D.H. Lawrence Society of North America shall be:

- (1) To encourage the study of the life and works of D.H. Lawrence;
- (2) To sponsor meetings, seminars, and conferences dealing with D.H. Lawrence;
- (3) To assist in whatever way possible in preservation of such buildings throughout the world as are associated with D. H. Lawrence;
- (4) To publish a newsletter at such intervals as the Society determines, which shall serve as a means of communication among the Society's members;
- (5) To undertake such projects as may be decided upon by the Society from time to time.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership

The membership of the Society shall be composed of the subscribers to its by-laws on the date of its organization and such other persons as shall have been thereafter admitted to membership. The membership shall be classified as follows: Honorary members, members, affiliate members, and student members.

Section 2. Eligibility

- (a) Honorary member: Any person who is past the age of sixty-five and who has rendered outstanding service to Lawrence studies or who, in the judgement of the Society, merits honorary membership, may be elected as an honorary member.
- (b) Member: Any person who is interested in furthering the purposes of the Society may become a member of the Society.
- (c) Student member: Any person enrolled as a student in an accredited postsecondary educational institution shall be eligible for student membership in the Society.
- (d) Affiliate member: Members of other societies whose primary purpose is devoted to the life and work of D.H. Lawrence may be admitted to affiliate membership upon payment of a group fee to be determined by the Executive Committee. Affiliate members shall be entitled to receive offprints of the Society's Newsletter through their own society.

Section 3. Election

Honorary members shall be elected by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the Society. Members, student members, and affiliate members shall be admitted to the Society upon payment of the Society's membership fee as stated hereafter.

Section 4. Privileges

Members in all classes of membership may attend the annual general meetings of the Society and participate in the proceedings of such meetings. Members in good standing in any class of membership shall be entitled to receive programs of the annual general meeting, membership lists, and such other publications as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote and to hold office in the Society, except that honorary members shall not be eligible for election to any offices in the Society.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation

The Officers of the Society shall be the Past President, President, President-Elect, Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Membership Treasurer, and Program Chair.

For the first-two year period only, the position of Past President shall be filled by an Honorary President who shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Society.

Section 2. President

The President is the chief executive officer of the Society and presides at all meetings of the Society and the Executive Committee, serves as liaison to the Modern Language Association and other professional organizations, represents the Society to the public, and provides leadership for the Society in all of its activities. The President may, with the consent of the Executive Committee, appoint a Program Chair to oversee a specific activity of the Society.

Section 3. President-Elect

The President-Elect shall serve as requested by the President or by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for collecting information and then publishing and distributing a newsletter to all members of the Society at least two times a year.

Section 5. Secretary

The Secretary keeps minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, reports on the Society's panels at the Modern Language Association convention each year, and maintains an archive of the activities and decisions of the Executive Council and the membership.

Section 6. Membership Treasurer

The Membership Treasurer keeps an updated record of the Society's membership, maintains the financial and banking records of the Society, collects membership dues, issues checks on behalf of the Society, and provides a financial statement for the Executive Committee upon request. The Membership Treasurer also prepares and publishes a directory for the Society at least once every two years and provides updated mailing label data for the newsletter Editor before each newsletter is published.

Section 7. Past President

The Past President is responsible each year for soliciting nominations and conducting elections for positions on the Executive Committee and may serve as requested by the President or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Executive Committee which shall consist of the Past President, President, President-Elect, Editor-in-Chief, Secretary, Membership Treasurer, Program Chair, and five members to be elected from among the members of the Society.

ARTICLE VI: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint persons to chair special committees and designate the members of such committees. Special committees shall undertake such projects as the President and the Executive Committee shall request.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Terms of Office

The term of office of the President shall be two years and, as Past President, he or she shall continue as a member of the Executive Committee for an additional two years. The President-Elect shall be elected for a term of two years, and at the expiration of that term he or she shall succeed automatically to the office of President.

The Editor-in-Chief, the Secretary, the Membership Treasurer, and the Program Chair shall be elected for periods of two years each.

Of the five members to be elected to the Executive Committee, two shall be elected in even years and three in odd years. All terms are for two years.

If a vacancy in the membership of the Executive Committee occurs before the expiration of any member's term, the Executive Committee shall appoint another member to serve out the remaining term of such a member.

Section 2. Elections

Elections shall be held at the annual general meeting of the Society in accordance with established democratic procedures.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

General meetings of the Society shall be held in conjunction with the international D. H. Lawrence conferences and other such conferences or at such time and place as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE IX: ANNUAL DUES

The Executive Committee shall recommend changes in the amount of the annual dues, subject to approval by majority vote of the membership in the spring of the year previous to these changes going into affect. Dues are to be paid to the Membership Treasurer of the Society. All dues shall be payable by 1 January of each year for that year, and members shall be dropped from the membership roll at the end of one year's failure to pay the annual dues. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS

Amendment of the By-Laws shall be made only upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval by ballot of the general membership.

As revised by approval of the Society, December 1994.

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