

Gen. V. F. Society of Pent. Scholars -

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
for the
SOCIETY OF PENTECOSTAL SCHOLARS

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Society of Pentecostal Scholars."

Article II: Purposes

The purpose of this Society shall be to offer pentecostal scholarship in all academic disciplines as a spiritual service to the Kingdom of God.

Objectives

1. To stimulate, encourage, recognize, and publicize the work of Pentecostal scholars.
2. To study the implications of Pentecostal theology in relation to other academic disciplines, seeking a Pentecostal world-and-life view.
3. To serve Pentecostal youth by providing a better understanding of their heritage and helping them to identify with the Pentecostal movement.
4. To serve Pentecostal graduate students in non-Pentecostal schools by relating them to on-going scholarship within the Pentecostal movement.
5. To serve Pentecostal ministers by promoting opportunities for continuing education.
6. To serve Pentecostal leaders by providing resource materials.
7. To serve the church world by providing an authoritative interpretation of the Pentecostal movement.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Society shall be on an individual rather than an institutional or denominational basis.

Section 2. The membership of the SPS shall be composed of:

- a. Full members - those persons who hold earned graduate degrees from recognized institutions of higher education; or any persons who, in the judgment of the membership committee, qualify for full membership on the basis of significant contributions to scholarship in the Pentecostal movement. (such as writing, administration, or teaching in Pentecostal institutions.) Full members are entitled to attend all meetings, vote, hold office, and present papers.
- b. Associate members - persons not eligible for full membership but who, in the judgment of the membership committee, are otherwise qualified for membership. Associate members shall be entitled to vote, to attend all meetings, and to present papers upon the recommendation of a full member. Associate members may be transferred to full membership status by applying to the Membership Committee and by a subsequent majority vote of the committee.
- c. Student members - students currently enrolled in institutions of higher learning shall be eligible to join the society. These persons shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the society. Upon completion of their studies, student members may be transferred to associate or full status.

Section 3. Qualifications for membership

- a. All members must subscribe to the Doctrinal Basis of the Society.
- b. Full members shall pay an annual membership fee of \$5.00. Associate members shall pay an annual fee of \$3.00. Students shall pay an annual fee of \$2.00.
- c. All applicants for membership must be recommended by a full member of the society.

Section 4. In the event that the continued membership of an individual be deemed detrimental to the best interests of the society, his name may be dropped from the membership roll at an annual meeting, but only after a two-thirds vote.

b. Membership Committee

This committee shall be composed of the treasurer, who shall serve as chairman, together with six other members, two of which shall be elected at each annual meeting, the two senior members retiring. The membership committee shall review all applications for membership to the society and make recommendations to the society in accordance with the qualifications established in Article IV of this constitution.

c. Editorial Committee

The editorial committee shall be composed of the secretary, who shall serve as chairman, together with four other persons, one to be elected at each annual meeting, the senior member retiring. The editor of the Journal of the society shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and work under the direction of the Editorial Committee. The Editor and the Editorial Committee shall select materials for publication.

d. Program and Arrangements Committee

The programs and arrangements committee shall be composed of the president-elect, who shall serve as chairman, together with two members, one to be elected at each annual meeting. This committee shall serve personnel, and complete arrangements for all programs and annual meetings sponsored by the society.

e. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall consist of the past-president, who shall serve as chairman, and four other members all of whom shall be elected by the society at its annual meeting.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. The society shall hold national meetings each year, the time, and place to be decided upon by the Executive Committee and the program determined by the Programs and Arrangements Committee.

Section 2. Other meetings, including those of a regional nature, may also be held as desired, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution must be sent to all the members of the society at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting to which they will be submitted.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in a regular business meeting of the society.