

Draft Motions for Discussion Only at May 29 GAMM I (Preparation for Discussion and Voting at a Special Membership Meeting in Fall 2023)

Motion to Continue Suspension of Affiliations, and of Affiliation Procedures in the SSS Constitution

Motion for Constitutional Amendments Creating a Vice-President

1. Motions re Affiliations and Local Chapters

Rationale: Strong objections at the 2022 GAMM to certain affiliations and the affiliations portions of the SSS Constitution as approved at previous GAMM meetings have led to strong dissent among the membership and leadership of the SSS.

- a. Moved: That the provisions of the SSS constitution that cover affiliation with other organizations continue suspended on an open-ended basis, and that the 2022 executive decision to suspend existing affiliations be made permanent.
- b. Moved: That any initiative to re-activate the affiliations portions of the SSS constitution be consequent to a successful resolution at a future GAMM of the Society, and that such a resolution be considered by the membership only if it is placed before members and ratified alongside a concrete outline of a reformed approvals and/or ratification process. Such a proposal accompanied by such an approvals/ratification process should be made available on the website and by mass mailing at least one month before the GAMM where members will vote on the resolution.
- c. Moved: That any initiative to re-activate the affiliations portions of the SSS constitution should place first priority on affiliations with socialist and other emancipatory organizations with a primarily educational, informational, or scholarly mandate; and that in the interests of protecting its non-partisan and charitable status, the SSS continue to avoid strictly any affiliations with directly partisan organizations.
- d. Moved: That the portions of the SSS constitution pertaining to the development of local and thematic chapters remain in active use, and that the executive procedures for approving chapters be posted in a clearly marked page on the SSS website.

2. Motions re Amendments to the SSS Constitution re Vice-President position

Rationale: Recent resignations from the SSS executive highlighted the need for a clear process to fill a Presidential vacancy

Moved that the SSS Constitution be revised to create the office of Vice-President. This entails:

- a. Adding the words "Vice-President" between the words "President" and "Secretary" in the lists of executive offices in Sections 6a and 6d.
- b. Adding a new Section 7 (c) and renumbering the subsequent subsections accordingly, with the following words:
 - i. "The Vice-President shall succeed the President in the event of a presidential resignation or incapacitation. The normal expectation that the role prepares the office holder to stand for President at a future GAMM.
 - ii. "The vice president will normally preside when the president is unable to be at a meeting or when the president has to step down from the chair because he or she wishes to debate an issue. The vice president also presides if the president is being censured or if a motion is being made that concerns only the president."
 - iii. "The Vice-President shall otherwise be charged each year with particular executive and administrative tasks in keeping with the office-holder's abilities and time, and the general needs of the executive and the Society as a whole. Particular areas of responsibility are to be negotiated and spelled out at the first or second meeting of the executive after the Annual GAMM and amended by executive decision as required thereafter."