

By-Laws of the Society for Global Nineteenth-Century Studies

I. Meetings and Assemblies. The Executive Council shall determine the times and places in which it will meet. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the Council membership. A time shall be set aside at each World Congress for a General Assembly of the Society. At each General Assembly, the membership is apprised of the work of the Executive Council and the Society's journal and book series. Plans for upcoming World Congresses are shared and any matters requiring a vote or discussed and put forth. A quorum shall consist of twenty-five members of the Society.

II. Conduct of Meetings and Assemblies. Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

III. Standing Committees. The Executive Council will be aided in its work by the following Standing Committees: a World Congress Program Committee (beginning in 2021), a Nominating Committee (beginning in 2022), a Membership Committee (beginning in 2021), and an Awards Committee (beginning in 2022). The Program Committee shall be responsible for determining the content of, and making the logistical arrangements for, each biennial World Congress. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for presenting to the Executive Council a suitable slate of candidates for the biennial election of Officers and other Council Members. The Nominating Committee will be expected to take into consideration all of the following when drawing up a slate of nominees: broad disciplinary, geographical, racial, and linguistic representation; gender balance; and diversity of methodological approaches and scientific expertise. The Membership Committee shall devise means of growing and retaining the Society's membership. The Awards Committee shall recognize outstanding work in the field and allocate funds to assist graduate students, contingent faculty, early career researchers, and independent scholars in attending Society events. The Chair of the Program Committee shall be the President. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the Vice-President. The Chairs of the Membership Committee and the Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President. Each committee shall consist of three to five members nominated by their respective Chairs and approved by the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall seek the General Assembly's ratification of any additional standing committees.

IV. Ad Hoc Committees. The President and/or the Executive Council may, at its discretion, appoint one or several ad hoc committees to complete specific tasks that can be realized within a time-limited period (usually less than two years). The Executive Council shall seek the General Assembly's ratification of any committee whose assignment extends beyond two years.

V. Elections. Elections of officers and other members of the Executive Council shall be biennial. When elections are held, a slate will be presented to those present at a World Congress or (in exceptional circumstances) online, as the Executive Council shall determine. Under advisement of the President, the administrative officer shall assume the responsibility of distributing, collecting, and counting ballots. To win, a candidate will need to secure the majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, the outcome shall be decided by ensuring disciplinary, geographical, racial, and linguistic representation; gender balance; and diversity of methodological approaches and scientific expertise. If no such principle applies, the matter will be resolved by further balloting. Any officer may stand for reelection for an additional term.

VI. Qualifications to serve as Officers. Officers must be active members of the Society. Beginning in 2029, the qualification for nomination as President and Vice-President will include attendance at a minimum of two world congresses in the preceding six years.

VII. Publications. The Society shall support the publication of a journal and book series and any other publications as shall be approved by the Executive Council. Although the book series and journal further the aims of the Society, both publications are governed by their own policies and procedures.

VIII. Dues and membership period. The Executive Council shall set the dues of the Society, which will be for a two-year period.

IX. Affiliations. The Executive Council may enter the Society into any affiliation agreements with academic organizations, if such affiliations inure to the benefit of the Society.

X. Amendments. The By-Laws of the Society may be amended by a majority of those present and voting at a General Assembly, an Extra-Ordinary General Assembly, or by a majority of those returning ballots electronically or by mail in a vote called by the Executive Council. Proposals to amend the Constitution shall be made by either the Executive Council or by twenty-five members of the Society who have put their proposal in writing to the Council. These proposals shall be detailed on the agenda of the General Assembly or Extra-Ordinary General Assembly. In the case of an electronic or postal vote, no amendment to the Constitution shall be made without the membership being given a minimum of thirty days' notice.

XI. Rights and Privileges of membership. Each dues-paying member will have voting rights in the Society, including electing members of the Executive Council; be eligible for nomination, election, or appointment to the Executive Council and its standing and ad hoc committees; and receive all other benefits of membership, including *Global Nineteenth-Century Studies*, the biannual newsletter, and attending world congresses.

XII. Participation at World Congresses. All presenters must be members of the Society. While all members may attend World Congresses and participate in its General Assemblies, only members whose paper proposals have been accepted by the Program Committee are eligible to be presenters.

XIII. Termination of membership. Members may leave the Society before their membership term has concluded. No refund will be due to a member who terminates their membership before its natural expiration at the end of a given term.