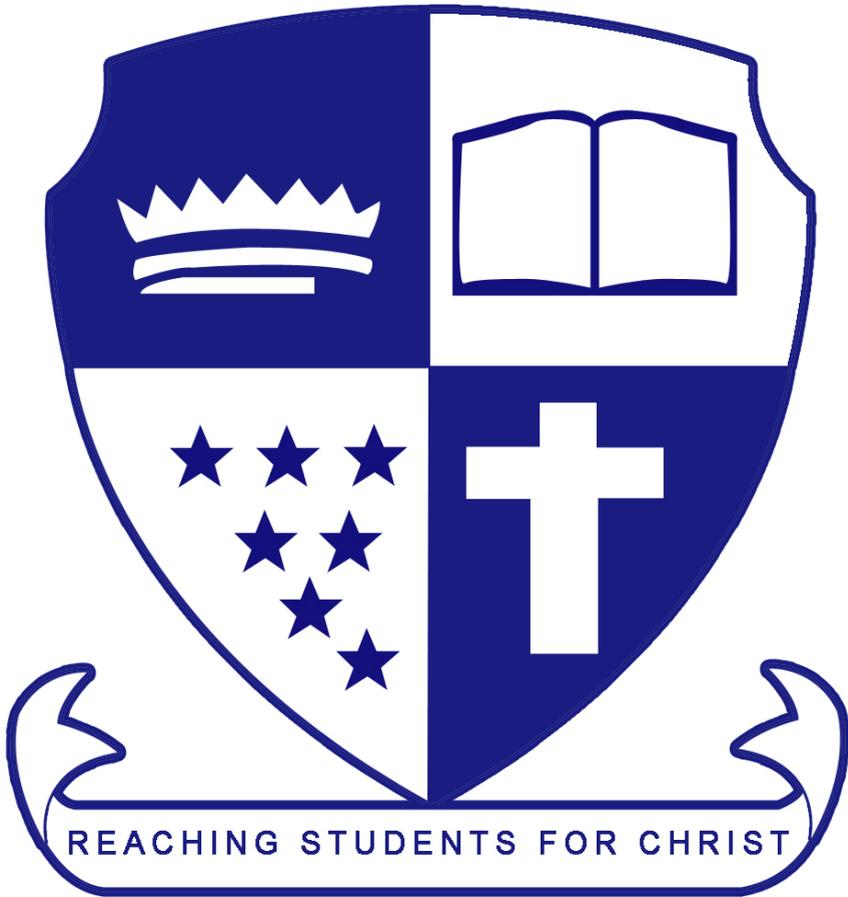


National Constitution



*Students' Christian Organisation,
National Constitution, Amended and Adopted on 21 April 2012*

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION

BACKGROUND

The "Students' Christian Organisation" (SCO) was formed by the merging of the Students' Christian Movement of Southern Africa (SCM) and the Students' Christian Association of Southern Africa (SCA) on 5 July 1997 at a meeting of both the SCA and SCM Councils at Fort Hare University. At this meeting an interim constitution for SCO was adopted for a period of two years. On 3 July 1999, this final constitution was adopted by the SCO Council.

This constitution is to be read in conjunction with the document entitled "Standing Orders of SCO" and "SCO Policy Documents".

PREAMBLE

We have now finally laid one of the most significant cornerstones in the history of the student ministry in South Africa. Through Christ who strengthens us we have made it.

The exercise to write and finally produce this document - our precious constitution - has enabled us to discover the wealth that is hidden in each one of us from diverse backgrounds. Together we have come to realise God's purpose in creating us different and in bestowing upon us different gifts as a body of Christ. We owe the production of our constitution as SCO to the intense prayers and tireless devotion of many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Today we are proud that we stand to be counted as one in the body of Christ and as Disciples of Christ in our endeavour to pursue further unity as a biblical imperative.

We have drawn from our evangelical heritage and experience our aims that seek to capture the notion that we are unequivocally evangelical in our faith and belief in God. We accept the Holy Bible as the infallible Word of God with supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

May the Lord help us as we seek to ensure that the present generation of students and many others to come, regardless of race, colour, culture, sex or age are able to meaningfully impact on society as they witness about the saviour and the redeeming power of the gospel.

The structures that we have established in the form of the National Council, National Executive, National Higher Institutions Executive and others are there to ensure mass participation and ownership of the organisations. The onus is upon us to make them work. Frankness, honesty and transparency should underpin and galvanise all processes at every level of our governance.

What is left for us is to take bigger strides towards attaining greater goals. We need to move with greater velocity, unswerving resolve and determined swiftness, cautious every step of the way that we should not stumble and fall, towards unity with other organisations whose basis of faith we agree with. Our constitution is there to offer us assistance and guidance

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the "Students' Christian Organisation", herein after referred to as the SCO.

ARTICLE 2: AIMS

2.1 To share the love of Jesus Christ with students and lead them to a personal faith in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, according to the Holy Bible.

2.2 To nurture students into a deep, transforming relationship with God which will profoundly change the way they think, live and relate to others and to equip them for a life of service.

2.3 To urge students to commit themselves to the extension of God's kingdom throughout the world by evangelistic witness, by responding with compassion to the needs of society, by working for peace, righteousness and justice.

2.4 To be involved actively in issues facing students in their respective institutions.

ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF FAITH

3.1 We believe that:

3.1.1 The Holy Bible (the Old and New Testaments) as originally given by God, are divinely inspired, entirely trustworthy and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

3.1.2 There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This sovereign God created the universe and pronounced it good.

3.1.3 Our Lord Jesus Christ is God visible in a body, born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless human life. During his earthly ministry he worked miracles and taught about the Kingdom of God. He died in our place to atone for our sin. He was buried, and on the third day arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven. He is the only Mediator between God and humankind and Saviour of the world.

3.1.4 Humankind, male and female, was created in the image of God, with consequent dignity, delegated authority and creation stewardship. As a result of the fall, all people are lost and sinful, subject to condemnation and in need of salvation.

3.1.5 Salvation is available only through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ and his salvation are received by repentance and faith, not by human effort, as the Holy Spirit brings about the new birth.

3.1.6 The Holy Spirit convicts and draws sinners to Christ and imparts new life to them, indwelling, empowering and equipping each believer, who is thereby enabled to live a holy life, to witness, and to serve the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, evangelism, discipline, compassion, justice and righteousness.

3.1.7 All believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are spiritually united with each other. They comprise the Church, the Body of Christ, of which he is the Head.

3.1.8 The Lord Jesus Christ will return personally in power and authority. All the dead will be raised: those who are saved to eternal life and those who are lost to condemnation.

3.2 This Statement of Faith shall be signed and assented to without reservation by all members of Council, Committees constituted by Council, all staff members, volunteer staff and committee members of branches and members of branches.

ARTICLE 4: BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP

4.1 A Christian group at any institution of learning may be a member of the SCO by affiliation. An affiliated branch shall comply with the following requirements:

4.2 An individual shall be a member of SCO through subscription.

4.1.1 It shall adopt the name "Students' Christian Organisation". In exceptional circumstances, an alternative name may be used for a certain period if agreed to by the National Executive. If an alternative name is used, the branch's affiliation to SCO must be clearly stated in its publicity material.

4.1.2 It shall adopt and include in its local branch constitution articles 2 and 3 of this constitution.

4.1.3 It shall apply to the Natex for affiliation.

4.1.4 Power to vote and hold office shall only be for members who acknowledge and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour and as God according to the Bible and agree with and assent to the Statement of Faith of the SCO.

4.3 A branch may levy subscription fees on its members.

4.4 A student Christian group may apply to the Natex to be accepted as an associated branch should it for whatever reason not want to become an affiliated member. An Associated branch may participate fully in all the activities of the SCO but has no voting powers.

4.5 Any individual who subscribes to articles 2 and 3 may become an Associate Member under conditions and with voting powers as may be determined by council for Associate Members.

4.6 Any individual who subscribes to article 2 and 3 and who is studying at an educational institution which has no SCO branch may become an Individual Member of SCO under such conditions as may be determined by council.

4.7 No more than one branch may be affiliated to SCO at a particular institution.

ARTICLE 5: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Any member of the organisation who does not abide by Article 2 and, or Article 3 of the constitution will have his/her membership terminated in writing by the local committee to which the member is immediately accountable to.

5.2 The termination of membership should be reported by the committee making the decision to the organisational structure it is immediately accountable to within 28 days of effecting the decision.

5.3. Any member of SCO shall terminate his/her membership through formally written, clear and approved resignation.

5.4. Membership of every SCO member shall expire at the end of that particular subscription year.

5.5. Membership will automatically be terminated by death of the member.

5.6. A member can appeal against termination of membership within 14 days.

5.6.1. All appeals should be acknowledged in writing within 14 days of reception.

5.6.2. The appeal should be held by the relevant local Council and the process should follow the organisation's hierarchical order until the National Council (which has a final word)

ARTICLE 6: BODY CORPORATE

6.1 The SCO shall be a body corporate having an existence independent of its members with perpetual succession, capable of holding property in its own name and of instituting or defending legal proceedings in its own name, no individual member thereof being liable to meet any debts, engagements or liabilities.

6.2 The organisation shall continue to exist, notwithstanding changes in the composition of its membership or office-bearers. Office bearers are not personally liable for any loss suffered by any person as a result of an act or omission which occurs in good faith while the office-bearer is performing functions on behalf of the organisation.

ARTICLE 7: COUNCIL

7.1 NAME

The name of the chief governing body of the SCO shall be called the "Council".

7.2 COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

The Council shall consist of:

7.2.1 Members of the National Executive as defined and elected in Article 8 below.

7.2.2 Provincial Chairpersons (one per province)

7.2.3 Chairperson of the National Higher Institutions Executive

7.2.4 Chairperson of the National Schools Committee

7.2.5 Chairperson of the National Associates Executive

7.2.6 An additional HIE member

7.2.7 An additional staff member

7.2.8 The President

7.3 ALTERNATES

A voting member of Council shall be entitled to nominate as an alternate any other member or Associate member of the SCO, preferably from the body they represent, provided such an alternate member assents to article 3.

7.4 TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office of Council members shall be determined by the conditions of the committee on which they serve. The filling of vacancies shall be determined by the rules governing the committee on which they serve. For any other members the term of office is three years.

7.5 POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

Council shall exercise all such powers as may be necessary for the furtherance of the aims of the SCO. It shall do all such acts, matters and things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above aims or any of them.

7.6 FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

7.6.1 To act as the policy making body of the SCO.

7.6.2 To consider and accept reports of the various office bearers on the council.

7.6.3 To give directives to the National Executive and delegate any such powers as it may deem fit.

7.6.4 To ratify all staff appointments and dismissals.

7.6.5 To act as the highest appeals body.

7.6.6 FINANCIAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

To be responsible for all financial and legal matters affecting the SCO. The Council shall have the power:

7.6.6.1 To raise and administer funds for the work of SCO.

7.6.6.2 to purchase or acquire in any other manner and to sell, exchange, donate, alienate, lease, mortgage, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of or deal with the whole or part of any property and rights of the SCO of any nature whatsoever, to control and administer the assets of the SCO and to invest the funds of the SCO in such a manner as Council in its sole discretion may determine, to secure credit, open Bank accounts and to enter into any agreement as may appear to the Council to be in the interests of the SCO.

7.6.6.3 To accept requests and donations and to administer and control such trusts as may be entrusted to it upon the terms and conditions therein stipulated.

7.6.6.4 To establish a Trust or Trusts upon such terms and conditions as Council may determine and to appoint from time to time Trustees for any Trust established and to suspend or remove them and appoint others

7.6.6.5 To establish and administer, in accordance with rules to be determined by Council, a trust account to contain such funds of the SCO as may be placed in the said account.

7.6.6.6 To insure with any company or person against losses, damage, risks, and liabilities of all kinds, which may affect the SCO or its members or officers or property.

7.6.6.7 to institute such pension or insurance schemes for any of its officers as it may determine and to contribute thereto.

7.6.6.8 To erect for the purpose of the SCO any building upon any land or take over any such buildings as may have been erected before the coming into effect of this Constitution and to maintain such buildings, and generally to administer, control, preserve, maintain, improve, develop, and demolish any such buildings or building for the benefit of the SCO.

7.6.6.9 To institute or defend on behalf of the SCO any legal proceedings in any court.

7.6.6.10 To establish a company.

7.7 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

7.7.1 Council shall normally meet at least once a year. A special meeting or meetings of Council may be convened over and above the ordinary meetings, should the Natex deem it necessary or at the request in writing of at least one third of the members of Council.

7.7.2 One half of the members of Council shall constitute a quorum.

7.7.3 Written notice of meetings with an agenda shall be given at least thirty days before the date of the meeting, unless it is an emergency meeting.

7.7.4 The meetings will be chaired by the Chairperson of the SCO Natex.

7.7.5 Minutes shall be kept and shall be circulated to all council members within two months of the meeting.

7.8 DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

7.8.1 Proposals arising at any meeting of the Council shall be decided on by a majority of votes cast (subject to 7.8.2 below and Article 14).

7.8.2 Every proposal which, if finally adopted, would involve a change in Articles 2 and 3 above, namely the Aims and Statement of Faith of the SCO and every proposal which in the opinion of the National Executive, is of such importance as to require the consideration of Provincial Committees and other committees concerned, must be sent down to the several Provincial Committees and other committees concerned for their consideration and for a report of their approval or disapproval to the next Council meeting. Decisions covered by this clause require a three-quarter majority of votes cast at a Council meeting.

7.9 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Individually:

7.9.1. Attendance of all Council Meetings

- Be available to attend functions organised by SCO
- Be available to serve on any committee of the Council.

7.9.2. Prayer

- Committed to regular prayer for SCO

7.9.3. Be well prepared for Council deliberations.

7.9.4. Contribute towards and promote the interests of SCO

7.9.5. Respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature.

7.9.6. To attend all Council related training.

Corporately:

7.9.7 To appointment the National Director

7.9.8. To ratify and review SCO Policies.

7.9.9. Reports

- Receive reports and evaluate against agreed policies.

7.9.10. Care of senior personnel

The responsibility to care for the senior personnel:

In addition to general responsibilities it is proposed that a specific area of responsibility be given to members of the Council, responsibilities that they will fulfil in partnership with the National Director.

It is proposed that these areas of responsibility are assigned each year according to the strengths and expertise of the individual members.

- Fundraising
- Church liaison – national church networks
- Higher education advisor
- Schools advisor
- Theological advisor
- Legal
- Provincial committee support

ARTICLE 8: THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (NATEX)

8.1 COMPOSITION OF NATEX

The National Executive shall consist of:-

- 8.1.1 Chairperson
- 8.1.2 Vice-Chairperson
- 8.1.3 Treasurer General
- 8.1.4 Secretary General
- 8.1.5 National Director
- 8.1.6. President (Ex-officio member)

8.2 ELECTION OF NATEX

8.2.1 Any Council Member may nominate or second someone for the portfolios of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer General and Secretary General.

These nominations together with the name of the proposer and seconder and the signature of the nominee, must be sent in writing to be received by the National Office at least 30 days prior to the Council meeting where the elections will take place. These portfolios are then elected at the Council meeting.

If the nominee is not present at the council meeting, written consent from the person must be presented.

8.2.2 Natex may co-opt up to two additional members during its term of office for the sake of improving representation or required expertise should this be deemed necessary.

8.2.3 Should a vacancy occur, the Natex will elect a person to fill the vacant position in the interim until the next council meeting.

8.3 TERMS OF OFFICE FOR NATEX

8.3.1 All Natex portfolios other than the National Director are for a period of three years from the time of election.

8.4 POWERS OF NATEX

8.4.1 The Natex shall carry out the instructions of Council and act on behalf of council in all matters. The Natex shall be responsible to Council.

8.4.2 The powers of the National Executive shall be such as may, from time to time, be delegated to it by the council.

8.5 FUNCTIONS OF NATEX

- 8.5.1 To execute all decisions and directives of Council.
- 8.5.2 To actively promote the aims of the SCO and to develop the vision, strategies and plans for the growth of the ministry.
- 8.5.3 To make and amend from time to time such regulations as may deem advisable so long as such regulations are not in conflict with this Constitution.
- 8.5.4 To engage such members of staff as may be necessary to carry out the activities of the SCO, to determine their rights, powers, and duties, and conditions of employment, and to determine the circumstances in which such persons may be appointed, suspended or dismissed from their employment, after consultation with the Province.

8.6 MEETINGS OF NATEX

- 8.6.1 The National Executive shall meet at least twice a year.
- 8.6.2 A special meeting or meetings of the Natex may be convened over and above the ordinary meetings, should the Natex deem it necessary or at the request of at least six members of Natex.
- 8.6.3 A Quorum shall consist of 50% of Natex members in office.

8.7 THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE BEARERS OF NATEX

8.7.1 President

Custodian of the organisation and should have credibility in the life of an organisation. Should be a resourceful person in skills, enriched in experience and has a record of being a successful leader.

- Play an advisory role; provide leadership guidance and wisdom in the Natex as well as to the Council.
- Minister to the NATEX Chairperson and the ND through mentoring and coaching.
- Advocate for SCO work
- Shall be an ex-officio member the Natex

8.7.2 National Chairperson of SCO or NATEX

Requirements:

- Member of SCO as defined by the Constitution of SCO
- Should abide by both the Word of God and SCO Constitution/Statement of faith.
- Clear evidence that person knows the Vision of SCO
- A visionary person and passionate about the Student Ministry
- Person of integrity and remarkable qualities of being a grown up leader

Roles and Responsibilities

- Shall be the Chief governance office for SCO.
- Ensure that the mandate given to the NATEX by the Council is executed
- Shall support all the office bearers of Natex (including the ND), and assist them to account.
- Monitor and safeguard the vision the organisation
- Shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the Council, NATEX and National General Consultation of SCO.
- Ensure that maximum support is given to the Staff for their better performance.
- Ensure that Powers and functions of NATEX as they are stipulated by Article 12.4,12.5 and 12.6 of SCO Constitution are realized and implemented. Delegate powers to any member of the NATEX and Council when necessary.
- Act to defend the SCO Constitution on behalf of the SCO members.
- Work with the ND and Secretary of NATEX to prepare the Agenda of the Natex and the Council and SCO National General Consultation.
- Responsible for the convening of Natex, the Council and Consultation
- Preside in the following meetings: NATEX, the Council and SCO National General Consultation.
- Represent the policy and vision of the organisation where this is not delegated to the National Director.

8.7.3 Vice Chairperson

- She or he must have the capacity to play a role of being Chairperson.
- A competent person who can play a supplementary role to the Chairperson's office
- Assist and support the office of the ND in the establishment of Provincial Structures, their proper functioning and ensure that they are capacitated by the provincial leadership.

8.7.4 Treasurer-General

- Must be an expert on or have an experience in financial matters.
- Have an understanding and interpret the general trends that are taking place in the field of finance and the economy.
- Will assist to advise and recommend to the NATEX on SCO financial matters.
- Will act on behalf of NATEX to ensure Article 7.6.6 and Article 11 of SCO Constitution are correctly monitored and implemented.
- Ensure that the provincial Treasurers are preparing reports and account to the National Office.
- On behalf of the Natex, the office of the Treasurer will ensure that financial controls are in place.
- Prepare the financial reports and present them both to the Natex and Council National.
- Ensure that the financial reports are audited as per the constitution.
- Ensure that the SCO Funds are used to address aims and objectives of SCO
- Shall be responsible to make sure that the decisions that are taken on financial matters do not lead the organisation to a high risk of deficit.
- Check the financial welfare of the employed Staff
- Responsible to explore and unlock more doors of Resources and advance broadly for more donors.
- Ensuring that SCO as a registered organisation complies with the regulations of the Auditor General's office.

8.7.5 The Secretary

- Be person who is keen about the communication and Passionate about coordination
 - Have strength in Writing skills and verbal expression
 - Neat and accurate in Filing system
- #### Roles and Responsibilities
- Record and Prepare the minutes of the Council, Natex and SCO National General Consultation.
 - In consultation with the ND, shall be responsible for communication within and between SCO structures and Sections.
 - Shall be responsible to remind all Council members, NATEX and Task Teams about the tasks they have been assigned to do from the meetings.
 - Shall read the edited minutes or resolutions or decisions of the previous meeting.
 - Shall co-sign minutes with the Chairperson

8.7.6 National Director

Job Description

- Provide strategic and visionary leadership.
- Represent SCO at national and international level.
- Network, establish partnerships and manage stakeholder relationships
- Implement decisions of Council and Natex
- Be accountable to Council and Natex, and prepare suitable reports for them
- Provide a coordinating role for the various SCO constituencies at national level.
- Ensure proper channels of communication throughout the movement
- Coordinate staff recruitment and ensure staff succession.
- Provide staff support, development and nurture
- Manage staff heading up the sections of SCO in the performance of their duties and functions.
- Provide leadership in fundraising initiatives.
- Command the respect and loyalty of the broad SCO family.
- Work with the national staff team to ensure proper administration at national and provincial level.
- Ensure the National Chair is kept apprised of all issues in the movement
- Ensure the spiritual health of the movement.
- Ensure the organisational health of the organisation – policy and constitutional framework, reports

ARTICLE 9: THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE

9.1 COMPOSITION OF THE DIALOGUE

The following SCO members are entitled to attend the National Dialogue:

- 9.1.1 Members of the National Council as defined and elected in Article 7 above.
- 9.1.2 Members of the following national committees (as defined and elected in Article 10 below): -
- 9.1.2.1 Members of the National Higher Institutions Executive (HIE)
 - 9.1.2.2 Members of the National Schools Committee
 - 9.1.2.3 Members of the National Associates Executive

- 9.1.3 One member of staff from each province to be chosen by the staff in the Province.
9.1.4 National Administrator
9.1.5 Additional Members to the National Dialogue: members of affiliated branches, and Associates
9.1.6 Representatives of approved organisations may be invited by Natex as observers to the National Dialogue.

- 9.2 The National Dialogue will be held once a year at the SCO National Conference.
9.3 The Chairman, National Director and Treasurer General will present reports on behalf of the SCO Council to the National General Dialogue attendees.

ARTICLE 10: REMOVAL OF OFFICE BEARERS FROM OFFICE AND APPEALS

- 10.1 An office bearer can terminate his/her membership in the committee through formally written, clear and approved resignation.
10.2. An office bearer can be removed from a committee through the decision taken by the council s/he serves under. The committee has the right to suspend an office bearer pending the decision of the said council.

- 10.2.1. An office bearer can be removed because of the following reasons: -
• Not fulfilling his/her duties to standard
• If membership has been terminated (Article 5)
• If member has not attended at least 2 consecutive meetings without submitting a valid apology before the meeting.

- 10.3. A removed person can appeal against such decision within 21 days of the judgment to the relevant/concerned council, then to the next relevant organisational structure in their hierarchy until the National Council, which has a final say.

ARTICLE 11. OTHER COMMITTEES

- 11.1 SCO has committees, which exist from branch/local through regional to provincial and national levels.
11.2 The SCO Council shall constitute, ratify or authorise any national or provincial committees it deems necessary.
11.3 These shall include: -

- 11.3.1 The National Higher Institutions Council
- 11.3.2 The National Higher Institutions Executive
- 11.3.3 The National Schools Committee
- 11.3.4 The National Associates Executive
- 11.3.5 Provincial Committees and/or Councils
- 11.3.6 The National Finance Committee

- 11.4 Each of these shall operate under terms of reference and regulations, which are to be contained in a document, entitled “the Standing Orders of the Students’ Christian Organisation”. The procedure to make changes to the Standing Orders is outlined in Article 14.4.

ARTICLE 12: FINANCE

- 12.1 The Natex shall ensure that proper accounts are drawn up annually and audited by a qualified auditor within six months of the financial year-end, which shall be on 31 December each year.
12.2.1 The Natex shall authorize the setting up of specific banking accounts for the financial transaction of the organisation.
12.2.2 Those responsible for administering provincial or regional finances and any other accounts in the name of SCO (other than local branch accounts) shall send a copy of the cash book, reconciled bank statements and original vouchers (other than bank vouchers) to the National Office on the last day of each quarter. If there is a functioning Provincial Office, then regional financial information should be sent there.
12.2.3 Local branches are to produce an accurate record of all income and expenses for review by the Regional or Provincial Executive each quarter.
12.3 A new budget will be adopted annually by Natex and confirmed by Council.
12.4 All assets of both SCM and SCA at the time of the merger of these movements became the assets of the SCO. All properties and investments will officially be registered in the name of the SCO. The terms of any legacies, grants, donations, funds or trusts will be honoured. (With reference to the Sargent Bliss fund it is noted that the English Medium Work of SCA will continue under the auspices of SCO).

- 12.5 The SCO shall receive and accept donations of any kind whatsoever, from any person or organisation, provided that such acceptance shall not militate against the aims and beliefs of the SCO.
12.6 Branches and individuals should be encouraged to contribute to the regional and national finances of SCO.
12.7 The organisation's income and property are not distributable to its members or office-bearers, except as reasonable compensation for services rendered. Members or office bearers have no rights in the property or other assets of the organisation solely by virtue of being members or office-bearers.

ARTICLE 13: RELATIONSHIP WITH CHURCHES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- 13.1 The SCO will foster loyalty of its members to the Church as the body of Christ and to the local church in particular.
13.2 The SCO may become a member of, federate with, affiliate to or incorporate any other organisation, which has a Statement of Faith and Aims similar to those of the SCO.
13.3 The SCO may cooperate with any organisation whose Aims are wholly or in part similar to those of the SCO and for such purposes as are consistent with the Statement of Faith of the SCO.
13.4 Any such relationship shall be approved by Council.

ARTICLE 14: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 14.1 The Constitution of the SCO may only be amended by a two thirds majority of votes cast at a Council meeting.
14.2 A sixty (60) but not less than thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to each member of Council.
14.3 The exceptions to Articles 14.1 and 14.2 are given in Articles 7.8.2 and 15.1 and the procedures outlined in those Articles must be adhered to.
14.4 Amendments to the “Standing Orders of SCO” and the “SCO Policy Documents” are by a simple majority decision of Council as outlined in Article 7.8 and must not be in conflict with this constitution.

ARTICLE 15: DISSOLUTION

- 15.1 The SCO may be dissolved by a resolution passed by at least three quarters of the total number of voting members at a Council meeting, provided that at least ninety (90) days notice of the proposed resolution has been given to each member of Council. Notice sent by registered post which in the ordinary course of events would reach a member ninety (90) days before the meeting shall be deemed to be sufficient compliance with this provision.

- 15.2 If a resolution to dissolve has been taken, Council shall transfer the assets of the SCO to such other non-profit organisation as Council may determine (and if to more than one organisation in such proportion as Council may determine) which is or which are able to carry out further the aims of the SCO in one or other sphere of life or able to use them for a purpose which corresponds as closely as possible to the aims in Article 2 above. After a resolution to dissolve had been taken, a part or parts of the SCO may constitute itself or themselves as an organisation for the purpose of carrying on the work and accepting the assets or such portion thereof as may be offered by the Council.

ARTICLE 16: MERGER

- 16.1 The SCO may merge with another organisation or organisations, after due assessment of their aims and statement of faith, by a resolution passed by at least three quarters of the total number of voting members at a Council meeting, provided that at least ninety (90) days notice of the proposed resolution has been given to each member of Council.
16.2 The assets of the SCO shall after the merger become the joint assets of the new merged movement and regarding all immovable property, all the required registration procedures in the Deeds Office shall be followed in order to reflect the property rights of the merged organisation on the title deeds of the immovable properties.
16.3 The decision to merge SCO and another organisation or organisations will be binding on all members and affiliates of SCO and no member or affiliate of SCO shall, because of the decision to merge, have any claims against the new merged movement or against any member or any controlling body of the new movement or any claim to assets of the SCO which become the joint assets of the new merged movement.

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