
RICHARD RORTY SOCIETY – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 2023 @ UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from November 23, 2019 GMM (Susan Dieleman)
 - *see attached.*
3. President's Report (Marianne Janack / Federico Penelas)
4. Treasurer's Report (John P. Anderson / Susan Dieleman)
 - *see attached.*
5. Proposed Bylaw Changes (Susan Dieleman)
 - *see attached.*
6. Call for Volunteers (Federico Penelas / Susan Dieleman)
 - * indicates dependent on bylaw changes
 - *Elections Committee (2 positions)*
 - *Session Organizers Committee (4 positions)*
 - *Awards Committee (3 positions)**
 - *Graduate Student Committee (all graduate student members)*
 - *Women's Committee (all women and gender-minority members)**
7. Executive Committee Elections (Federico Penelas)
 - *Vice-President (1 position)*
 - *Treasurer (1 position)*
 - *Secretary (1 position)*
 - *Members-at-Large (2 positions)*
8. Announcements (Federico Penelas)
 - *2024 RRS Meeting*
 - *2025 RRS Meeting*
 - *Future RRS Meetings*
 - *Donations*
9. Announcements from the floor
10. Other Business

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NOVEMBER 23, 2019 @ PENN STATE

CALL TO ORDER AT 12:37PM

PRESENT:

Owen Alldritt, John P. Anderson, Michael Bacon, Paolo Camporese, Federico Colmenares, TJ Crow, William Curtis, Alexis Dianda, Susan Dieleman, Raff Donelson, Pedro Ferrao, Sergio Gallegos, Neil Gascoigne, Richard Gilmore, Nalliely Hernandez, Yvonne Hütter-Almerigi, Elin Danielsen Huckerby, Marianne Janack, Colin Koopman, Wojciech Malecki, David McClean, Javier Moreno, Robbie Moser, Anthony Neal, Federico Penelas, Mark Phillips, Alejandro Sanchez, Santiago Rey, Adrian Rutt, Paul Showler, Christopher Voparil.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – MARIANNE JANACK:

- Christopher Voparil welcomes everyone to the second RRS Conference, and introduces the current members of the Executive Committee.

1. MINUTES FROM THE 2016 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Executive Committee moves and seconds the circulated minutes.

MOTION PASSES unanimously.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS – MARIANNE JANACK:

- Marianne Janack announces current candidates for the RRS Elections and opens the floor for additional nominations.
 - Nominations from the floor include: **Rebeca Perez Leon** for Member-at-Large; **William Curtis** for Treasurer; **Carlin Romano** for Vice President/President Elect.
- Colin Koopman and Christopher Voparil circulate ballots; Susan Dieleman and Wojciech Malecki collect and count ballots.
- Results will be announced at the afternoon's Keynote Address.

1. For Vice President/President Elect (select 1):

- Federico Penelas
- Emil Visnovsky
- Carlin Romano

2. For Treasurer (select 1):

- John P. Anderson
- William Curtis

3. For Secretary (select 1):

- Susan Dieleman

4. For Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee (select 4):

- Michael Bacon
- Alexis Dianda
- Raff Donelson
- Nalliely Hernandez
- Elin Danielsen Huckerby
- Rebeca Perez Leon
- David McClean
- Martin Muller

3. REPORT ON FINANCES – WOJCIECH MALECKI:

- Wojciech Malecki reports that the RRS currently has \$1163.99 in its account.
- The Executive Committee recommends that we continue to not charge membership or registration fees, though donations through the website are strongly encouraged.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARIANNE JANACK:

- We are looking for volunteers to host the next RRS meeting in 2021. A location should be decided by January 15.
- We are looking for volunteers for the Session Organizers and Graduate Student Representatives Committee.
- We are looking for volunteers to edit conference proceedings.
- We are always looking for donations.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- David Rondel notes that the Cambridge Companion to Richard Rorty is expected out in late 2020.
- Martin Müller notes that the Springer Handbook to Richard Rorty is expected out in summer 2021.
- Neil Gascoigne notes that the Blackwell Companion to Richard Rorty, edited by Alan Malachowski, is expected out in March 2020.
- Rebeca Perez Leon notes that *Revisiting Richard Rorty*, an edited volume resulting from a recent conference in Portugal, will be coming out early 2020 with Vernon Press.
- Stephane Madelrieux notes that the first French-language special issue dedicated to Richard Rorty, “Relire Rorty,” came out in *Archives de Philosophie* in 2019.
- Carlin Romano notes that the Central European Pragmatist Forum will be hosted by Emil Visnovsky in Slovakia in June 2020.

Raff Donelson MOVES ADJOURNMENT.

David Rondel SECONDS.

MOTION PASSES unanimously; meeting adjourns at 1:04pm.

The Richard Rorty Society Treasurer's Report, 2021-2023

2023 (as of Oct. 1)

Starting Balance:	\$6085.94	
<u>Expenses</u>	4-11-23	- \$61.25 Annual Report Filing Fee
<u>Income</u>		\$1079.87 Membership Contributions
Current Balance:	\$7104.56	

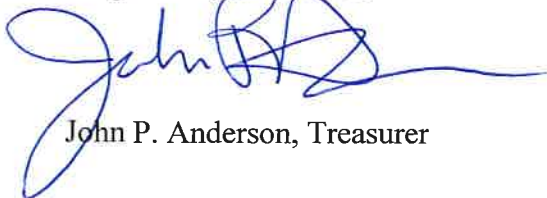
2022

Starting Balance:	\$6085.94	
<u>Expenses</u>	4-15-22	- \$61.25 Annual Report Filing Fee
<u>Income</u>		\$61.25 Membership Contributions
End of Year Balance:	\$6085.94	

2021

Starting Balance:	\$6072.32	
<u>Expenses</u>	4-24-21	- \$61.25 Annual Report Filing Fee
	11/1/21	- \$500 RRS Paper Competition Prize
	12/21/21	- \$35 Bank Service Fee
<u>Income</u>		\$609.87 Membership Contributions
End of Year Balance:	\$6085.94	

Respectfully Submitted,



John P. Anderson, Treasurer

**BYLAWS
OF THE
RICHARD RORTY SOCIETY**

*adopted, May 2014
amended, September 2016
proposed amendments, November 2023*

ARTICLE I *Name and Registered Office*

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Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation is the Richard Rorty Society, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Registered Office. The Corporation shall at all times maintain a registered office and a registered agent. The registered agent shall be one of the Corporation's officers or fellows. The registered office shall be the office of the Corporation's officer or fellow serving as registered agent.

ARTICLE II *Purpose*

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The purpose of the Richard Rorty Society shall be to encourage study of the work and life of Richard Rorty (1931-2007), and to encourage and support work inspired by and in the spirit of his writing, across the disciplines.

ARTICLE III *Members and Supporters*

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Section 1. Generally. Any person agreeing to the purpose of the Society will be admitted to membership and shall continue as a member while current dues are paid. Institutions may subscribe to the publications of the Society or support its mission in other ways; however, they are not considered to be members.

Section 2. Dues. Members will pay annual dues at a rate set by the Executive Committee. Membership runs on the calendar year, January through December. Payments are considered retroactive to January of the current year unless otherwise specified by the member or institutional subscriber.

Section 3. Voting. Each member shall have one vote in all business meetings and email ballots of the Society at large.

Section 4. Fellows. Any person who has served a term of office as President of the Society, and is also a current member, is a Fellow of the Richard Rorty Society. The Executive Committee may also appoint other individuals as Fellows of the Society. Fellows may serve in advisory capacities, or otherwise assist current officers of the Society in ways that may be established by the Executive Committee, the current President, or the Society at large.

ARTICLE IV Executive Committee

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) at-large Representatives, two (2) constituency Representatives, and the Immediate Past President. No person can serve in more than one capacity on the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Terms.

a) Ex Officio Terms

Each initial member of the Executive Committee named in the Articles of Incorporation shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Society following the adoption of these Bylaws or until their successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, each ex officio member of the Executive Committee shall serve a term equal to the term of their qualifying (underlying) office and until their respective successor is duly elected and qualified.

b) At-Large Representative Terms

Each at-large Representative will serve a staggered term of four (4) years, which begins at the conclusion of the annual meeting following the election and until their respective successor is duly elected and qualified. No person can serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as an at-large Representative.

c) Constituency Representative Terms

Each constituency Representative will serve a staggered term of four (4) years, which begins at the conclusion of the annual meeting following the submission of their name by the relevant constituency group as outlined in these Bylaws. No person can serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as a constituency Representative.

Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as it may determine, or at special meetings called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. In the interim period between annual meetings of the Society, the Executive Committee shall conduct all matters normally required to administer the affairs of the Society, except for constitutional amendments and elections of officers. The Executive Committee may conduct its business by phone, e-mail, regular mail, or other means of

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PROPOSED: 2 at-large representatives + 2 constituency representatives

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PROPOSED: subsections outlining terms for each type of position, including staggered 4-year terms for new constituency representatives

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PROPOSED: quorum of five members, at least one of which must be a constituency representative

communication. The Executive Committee will supervise the treasury and will not permit expenditures in excess of funds available. It will arrange all meetings of the Society and will require an announcement of their time and place to be conveyed to all members well in advance of Society meetings. Quorum for all Executive Committee meetings shall be no less than five (5) members of the Executive Committee, at least one (1) of which must be a Constituency Representative.

Section 4. Selection. Starting with the first annual meeting of the Society following the adoption of these Bylaws, the ex officio, at-large, and constituency members of the Executive Committee shall be selected in accordance with the procedures described in these Bylaws

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PROPOSED: new Article VII outlining election procedures

Section 5. Removal.

a. Ex-Officio Members

An ex officio member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office in accordance with the procedures described in these Bylaws for the removal of such member from his or her qualifying (underlying) offices. Upon any ex-officio member's removal, death, resignation, or inability to serve, the remaining members shall elect a replacement member for the unexpired portion of the member's term of office.

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PROPOSED: subsections outlining removal procedures for each type of position

b. At-Large Representatives

Either of the at-large Representatives may be removed from office, either with or without cause, at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee then in office. Upon any at-large representative's removal, death, resignation, or inability to serve, the remaining members shall elect a replacement member for the unexpired portion of the member's term of office.

c. Constituency Representatives

Either of the constituency Representatives may be removed from office, either with or without cause, at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the committee they represent. Upon any constituency representative's removal, death, resignation, or inability to serve, the remaining members of the respective committee shall elect a replacement member for the unexpired portion of the member's term of office.

ARTICLE V Officers

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Section 1. Officers. The officers shall be a President, Vice President (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President. These offices are elected positions and are voted on by the membership as detailed in these Bylaws.

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Section 2. Terms. At the Society's organizational meeting, the initial member of the Executive Committee named in the Articles of Incorporation shall select initial officers to serve through the first annual meeting of the Society following adoption of these Bylaws and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Thereafter,

- the President shall serve a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. No person can serve as President for more than two consecutive terms at a time. Any person who has previously served as President for two consecutive terms may serve as President once again two years after the end of the second consecutive term.
- the Vice President (President-Elect) shall serve a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified;
- the Immediate Past President shall serve a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is duly qualified and takes office;
- the Treasurer shall serve a term of four (4) years and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. There is no limit on the number of terms that the Treasurer may serve.
- the Secretary shall serve a term of four (4) years and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. There is no limit on the number of terms that the Secretary or may serve.

Terms of office begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting following the election.

Section 3. Selection. At the first annual meeting of the Society following the adoption of these Bylaws, the President, Vice-President (President-Elect), the Secretary, and the Treasurer, shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the members in good standing actually present or represented by proxy. Thereafter, selection of Officers will follow the elections procedures outlined in these Bylaws.

Section 4. Removal and Vacancies. Any officer elected by the Society's members may be removed from office, either with or without cause, at any time by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) majority of the Society's members in good standing actually present or represented by proxy whenever in such members' judgment the best interests of the Society will thereby be served. All other officers may be removed from office, either with or without cause, at any time by the affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of the members of the Executive Committee then in office. A vacancy in any office arising from any cause may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the President.

Section 5. President. The President shall be the senior officer and will have in their charge the general direction and advancement of the affairs of the Society.

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PROPOSED: new Article VII outlining election procedures

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PROPOSED: reformatted; new role as Chair of the Sessions Organizers Committee

The President shall:

- preside at all meetings of the Society or its Executive Committee
- help the Society to articulate its proximate and long-term ideals, including plans for future activities and growth
- create a preliminary agenda for the annual business meeting
- serve as the Chair of the Sessions Organizers Committee

After the term of office, the President becomes Immediate Past President and serves in an advisory role as a non-voting ex officio member of the Executive Committee until a new person is elected President.

Section 6. Vice President. The Vice President (President-Elect) will have in their charge the internal organization of the Society.

The Vice President (President-Elect) shall:

- perform the duties of the President in case of the President's absence or disability,
- perform other such duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the Executive Committee or by the President
- reserve a time and a place for the annual business meeting and communicate that information to the membership.
- serve as the Chair of the Elections Committee.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary will have in their charge the records and communications of the Society.

The Secretary shall:

- issue notices of meetings
- conduct all other official correspondence involving the Society both internally in relation to its active members and externally in relation to public notices and correspondence
- keep the minutes of all meetings
- have charge of the seal of the Corporation (if any)
- serve as custodian for all corporate records, authenticate corporate records
- make such reports and perform such other duties as are incident to their office or which may be delegated to them by the President or by the Executive Committee
- certify and communicate the results of all ballots of the Society.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer will have in their charge the financial activities and well-being of the Society.

The Treasurer shall:

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PROPOSED: reformatted; new statement of role as responsible for "internal organization"; new role as Chair of the Elections Committee

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PROPOSED: reformatted; new statement of role as responsible for "records and communications"

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PROPOSED: reformatted; new statement of role as responsible for "financial activities and well-being"; new role as Chair of the Awards Committee

- be responsible for receiving and depositing all funds incoming to the Society, including all membership dues, subscription fees, or other monies paid the Society for any purpose whatsoever. The Society's treasury shall be maintained in a “non-profit” bank account in the name of the Society.
- keep a current list of members of the Society for purposes of officially establishing membership status when required for any reason.
- execute all payments and disbursements from the treasury when such are authorized by the Executive Committee.
- keep a written record of all financial activities pertinent to the treasury of the Society and will give a financial report at the Society's annual business meeting. These reports will be promptly recorded in the Society's minutes, and published to the Society's members.
- coordinate his or her activities with those of the Secretary.
- serve as the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Section 9. Immediate Past President. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, upon the natural completion of his or her term of office as the President of the Society, the outgoing President shall automatically succeed to the office of Immediate Past President to serve in an advisory role to ensure the well-being of the Society. The Immediate Past president shall

- be an ex officio voting member of the Executive Committee and shall
- perform such other duties as are incident to the office or as may be delegated to that office by the President or by the Board of Directors

ARTICLE VI Other Committees

Section 1. Generally. The Executive Committee may appoint and designate one or more committees to perform one or more functions of the Corporation or the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may appoint and remove, from time to time, members of such committees. All committees, standing and otherwise, shall report to the Executive Committee as requested by the Executive Committee but at least once annually, typically in connection with the annual meeting. Status as a committee member may be discontinued by a majority (five or more members) vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Elections Committee.

a. Composition

The Elections Committee shall be composed of two (2) members of the Society (not currently serving on the Executive Committee) and the Vice President, who shall act as Chair of the Committee.

b. Selection and Term

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PROPOSED: reformatted

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Commented [SD22]: BEFORE: one section outlining composition and responsibilities of Nominations Committee

PROPOSED: composition includes Vice-President as Chair; expanded responsibilities, in line with new Article VII

Members of the Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Vice President from among solicited volunteers. The term of office for members of the Elections Committee shall be two (2) years, aligning with the election cycle given in these Bylaws. These terms can be renewed no more than once.

c. Responsibilities

The Elections Committee shall:

- keep track of the terms of officers
- solicit nominations from the Society membership for Executive Committee elections in accordance with the election procedures given in these Bylaws.
- assist with running elections in accordance with the election procedures given in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Session Organizers Committee.

a. Composition

The Sessions Organizers Committee shall be composed of four (4) members of the Society (not currently serving on the Executive Committee) and the President, who shall act as Chair of the Committee.

b. Selection and Term

Members of the Sessions Organizers Committee shall be appointed by the President from among solicited volunteers. The term of office for members of the Sessions Organizers Committee shall be two (2) years, aligning with the election cycle given in these Bylaws. These terms are indefinitely renewable.

c. Responsibilities

The Sessions Organizers Committee shall:

- coordinate to organize Richard Rorty Society sessions at meetings of the Eastern, Central, and Pacific Divisions of the APA, the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, and at the meetings of other societies as appropriate.

Section 4. Awards Committee.

a. Composition

The Awards Committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the Society (not currently serving on the Executive Committee) and the Treasurer, who shall act as Chair of the Committee.

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PROPOSED: composition includes President as Chair; committee appointed by President instead of elected

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PROPOSED: composition includes Treasurer as Chair; expanded responsibilities

b. Selection and Term

Members of the Awards Committee shall be appointed by the Treasurer from among solicited volunteers. The term of office for members of the Awards Committee shall be two (2) years, aligning with the election cycle given in these Bylaws. These terms cannot be renewed.

c. Responsibilities

The Awards Committee shall:

- develop and periodically review policies for deciding awards given by the Richard Rorty Society.
- solicit nominations for awards.
- review and make award decisions.

Section 5. Graduate Student Committee.

a. Composition

The Graduate Student Committee shall be composed of no less than two (2) members of the Society (not currently serving on the Executive Committee) who are graduate students. The Chair of the Committee will be decided among the committee members.

b. Selection and Term

Members of the Graduate Student Representative Committee shall be self-appointed. An up-to-date membership list shall be sent to the Secretary every two (2) years, aligning with the election cycle given in these Bylaws.

c. Responsibilities

The Graduate Student Representative Committee shall:

- take on projects and liaise with the Executive and other Committees to ensure all activities undertaken by the Society are guided by the principles of accessibility, inclusion, and equity.
- The Chair of the Committee shall serve as one of two Constituency Representatives on the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Women's Committee.

a. Composition

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PROPOSED: expanded membership to all graduate student members; new subsection on selection and term; new subsection on responsibilities; new role for Chair of committee

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PROPOSED: entirely new section

The Women's Committee shall be composed of no less than two (2) members of the Society (not currently serving on the Executive Committee) who are women or other gender minorities. The Chair of the Committee will be decided among the committee members.

b. Selection and Term

Members of the Women's Committee shall be self-appointed. An up-to-date membership list shall be sent to the Secretary every two (2) years, aligning with the election cycle given in these Bylaws.

c. Responsibilities

The Women's Committee shall:

- take on projects and liaise with the Executive and other Committees to ensure all activities undertaken by the Society are guided by the principles of accessibility, inclusion, and equity.
- The Chair of the Committee shall serve as one of two Constituency Representatives on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII Elections

Section 1. Schedule. Elections for Executive Committee positions shall be held every two years according to the following rotation:

A: Vice-President (President-Elect); Treasurer; At-large Representative A.

B: Vice-President (President-Elect); Secretary; At-Large Representative B.

Section 2. Responsibility. Responsibility for elections resides with the Elections Committee constituted in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 3. Procedure.

a. Nominations

The Chair of the Elections Committee will solicit nominations from among members of the Society at least four (4) weeks prior to the election period. The slate of nominees for each position will be communicated to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the election period.

b. Elections

Elections shall be carried out by secret ballot either via secure electronic method or in-person at an annual meeting of the Society, as determined by the Elections Committee. Every member of the Society in good standing has one vote.

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PROPOSED: entirely new section

ARTICLE VIII Meetings

Section 1. Generally. An annual business meeting of the Society shall be held at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee, ordinarily at a philosophy conference that regularly attracts scholars of American philosophy, in the U.S. or abroad, or online. At least two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting, the Secretary shall send each member an agenda for the business meeting.

Section 2. Notice. Unless otherwise required by law, no notice need be given of any regular meeting. Notice of a special meeting shall be given by any usual means of communications at least three (3) days before the special meeting and shall contain the date, time, location, and purpose of the special meeting.

Section 3. Quorum. Quorum for Society meetings shall be no less than five (5) members of the Executive Committee, at least one (1) of which must be a Constituency Representative. The act of a majority of the Executive Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee. If a quorum is present when a meeting is convened, the Executive Committee members present may continue to do business, taking action by a vote of the quorum, until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, or the refusal of any member present to vote.

Section 4. Action Without Meeting. Unless required otherwise by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting, if a written consent is signed by all members of the Executive Committee, and if such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee. Written consent may be provided in counterparts and submitted to the Secretary.

Section 5. Special Ballots. A ballot on any issue coming before the Society will be initiated upon written request by five or more members present; the ballot shall be distributed either by mail or e-mail according to a vote of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII Conferences

In order to promote the purpose of the Richard Rorty Society as stated in Article II, the Society shall endeavor to sponsor paper sessions at regional meetings of the American Philosophical Association, at national and regional meetings of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, or at other locations as is deemed appropriate. The Executive

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PROPOSED: minor edits; agenda circulated 2 weeks in advance

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PROPOSED: quorum includes at least one constituency representative

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Committee is charged with recruiting and hosting these sessions. The Executive Committee can convey this authority to individual Delegates to specific conferences, or to a Session Organizers Committee.

ARTICLE IX *Communications and Publications*

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In order to promote the purpose of the Richard Rorty Society, the Society shall seek venues for the publication of scholarship related to the work of Rorty. A Communications Director shall be appointed by a vote of the Executive Committee. The Communications Director will be primarily responsible for encouraging the publication of research related to the work and legacy of Rorty, especially by cultivating relationships with extant journals and presses that would be receptive to publishing work by and about Rorty, and maintaining the Society's online presence.

ARTICLE X *Tax-exempt Status and Activities Forbidden Thereby*

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The Richard Rorty Society is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings of the Richard Rorty Society shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause (Article II) hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XI *Distribution of Resources*

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All money raised by the Richard Rorty Society shall be distributed in such a way as to support new scholarship consistent with the Society's purpose as stated in Article II.

ARTICLE XII *Amending the Constitution and Bylaws*

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Amendments to the Society's Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or by petition of any five members of the Society. Amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds

(2/3) majority vote at the annual business meeting of members present or represented by proxy, unless a mail or e-mail ballot is requested. In case of a mail or e-mail ballot, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members replying within one month of the ballot mailing shall decide the issue.