

Ethics Committee Bylaws

Article 1 (Purpose)

The “Ethics Committee” (referred to as the “Committee” below) has been established in accordance with the “Linguistics Society of Japan Ethics Statement”. The Committee shall conduct educational activities for members of the Society concerning ethics in research, education, and Society activities and shall also receive questions or consultations directed to the Society concerning individual ethical problems, report them to the President, and upon referral and consultation from the President, deliberate on the response of the Society.

Article 2 (Composition of the Committee)

1 The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the President from among the senior Committee members.

2 There shall be a Vice-chair. The Vice-chair shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Chair from among the individual members.

3 The number of committee members shall be eight, including the Chair and the Vice-chair. The term of committee members shall be one year, with half of the members rotating. However, nothing shall prevent a member of the Committee from serving multiple terms.

4 The Chair, in consultation with the Vice-chair, shall select three candidates from the Board of Councilors or members of the Society and appoint them as members of the Committee. The Board of Councilors shall ratify their appointment.

5 If any member resigns during the term of office, his/her successor shall be determined in the same manner as in 4. The term of office of the successor shall be the remaining term of the predecessor.

Article 3 (Duties)

1 The Committee shall widely publicize and conduct educational activities for members of the Society concerning the contents of the “Linguistic Society of Japan Ethics Statement”.

2 The Committee shall receive questions and consultations directed to the Society concerning ethical problems in Society members’ research, educational activities, and Society activities and shall report them to the President.

3 The Committee, upon receiving a referral or consultation from the President concerning an ethical question, if necessary, shall create a Committee of Inquiry, and, working together with the Standing Committee and other committees, shall deliberate on the response of the Society. Matters concerning the Committee of Inquiry are to be determined separately.

4 The Committee shall report the results of their deliberations to the President. Upon receiving directions from the President, the Committee shall communicate the response of the Society to the questions or consultations.

5 The Committee shall reconsider the content of the “Linguistic Society of Japan Ethics Statement” as necessary and shall report the results of their considerations to the President.

6 Members of the Committee have a duty to maintain confidentiality concerning information obtained in the performance of their duties.

Article 4 (Administrative business)

The administrative business of the Ethics Committee shall be performed by the Secretary-general of the Society.

(Additional provision)

Revisions to these bylaws shall be made through deliberations by the Board of Councilors.

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