

# 2025 Proposed Amendments to the CBA Constitution and By-Laws

*To be voted on by CBA Full Members during the Business Meeting, August 4, 2025*

## **Proposed Motion 1 – Term for the General Editor of the *Biblical Studies from the CBA***

### **RATIONALE**

At the 2024 CBA Business Meeting, Full Members voted to include in the Constitution and By-Laws the General Editor and Editorial Board of the *Biblical Studies from the CBA* (BSCBA) series. The proposed amendments neglected to include a term for the General Editor. The proposed amendment would rectify that omission.

### **MOTION**

That By-Laws 3.5.7. through 3.5.10.\* be renumbered in order to include the term for the General Editor of the *Biblical Studies from the CBA* (BSCBA) in the following manner:

3.5.7. The General Editor of BSCBA shall be elected by the majority vote of the Full Members for a term of four years and may be re-elected once.

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*\*Current CBA By-Laws 3.5.7. – 3.5.10.:*

3.5.7. At each annual general meeting at least four Associate Editors of the *CBQMS* and *CBQI*, upon recommendation by the Editorial Board, shall be elected by the majority vote of the Full Members for a term of four years. Associate Editors may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

3.5.8. At each annual general meeting at least two Associate Editors of the *BSCBA*, upon recommendation by the Editorial Board, shall be elected by the majority vote of the Full Members for a term of four years. Associate Editors may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

3.5.9. At each annual general meeting normally eight Associate Editors of the *CBQ*, upon recommendation by the Editorial Board, shall be elected by the majority vote of the Full Members for a term of four years. Associate Editors may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

3.5.10. Members of other committees shall be elected by the Full Membership at the annual general meeting, or appointed by the President, or elected by the Executive Board, as specified in 4.4 below.

## **Proposed Motion 2 – *Old Testament Abstracts* Editorial Board**

*Amended 8/2/25*

### **RATIONALE**

Currently, the *Old Testament Abstracts* Editorial Board does not exist in the CBA Constitution and By-Laws except in Art. V, Section 6. Membership on the OTA Editorial Board has been largely an honorary role conferred by the General Editor. The proposal is to include the OTA Editorial Board in the Constitution and By-Laws in accordance with the other CBA publications.

### **MOTION**

That the CBA By-Laws be amended in the following manner:

- a. the renumbering of Constitution Art. VI, Sections 2, 3 and 4\* in order to add the following

Section 2: Members of the OTA Editorial Board shall be duly elected as specified in the By-laws and serve under the direction of the General Editor of OTA; their

- function shall be to assist the General Editor in preparing the for publication.
- b. the renumbering of By-Laws *current* 3.5.9. and 3.5.10.\*\* in order to add the following 3.5.9. At each annual general meeting normally two Associate Editors of the OTA, upon recommendation by the Editorial Board, shall be elected by the majority vote of the Full Members for a term of four years. Associate Editors may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
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*\* Current CBA Constitution Sections 2-4*

*Section 2:* There shall be a Committee on Nominations consisting of six members duly selected as determined by the By-laws. This committee, seeking to ensure broad representation of the members and considering the needs of each position, shall solicit nominations from the general membership for all open positions and prepare a ballot with no more than two candidates for each of the elective officers of the Association. It shall refer to appropriate boards and committees others nominated for election to those boards and committees, as provided for in the Constitution and By-laws. The members of the Association at the annual general meeting may also accept nominations from the floor.

*Section 3:* There shall be a Committee on Finance and Investment consisting of the Executive Director (ex officio) and six members duly selected as determined by the By-laws. This committee shall be responsible for advising the Executive Board on fiscal and investment policy and for implementing the policy determined by the Board. The committee shall also be responsible for securing periodic independent audits of the finances of the Association and for providing regular financial reports to the Executive Board.

*Section 4:* There shall be a Committee on the Program for the Annual General Meeting consisting of the Executive Director (ex officio) and six members duly selected as determined by the By-laws. This committee shall be responsible for planning and the annual general meeting of the Association and other programmatic activities in support of its mission.

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*\*\*Current CBA By-Laws 3.5.9 – 3.5.10*

*3.5.9.* At each annual general meeting normally eight Associate Editors of the *CBQ*, upon recommendation by the Editorial Board, shall be elected by the majority vote of the Full Members for a term of four years. Associate Editors may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

*3.5.10.* Members of other committees shall be elected by the Full Membership at the annual general meeting, or appointed by the President, or elected by the Executive Board, as specified in 4.4 below.

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