George Kelly Society (GKS)

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Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be: George Kelly Society (GKS).

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage study of and communication about

the life and work of George A. Kelly and its ongoing influence in the many fields of intellectual

endeavor to which he contributed. The focus of the organization is the Psychology of Per-

sonal Constructs, its theoretic developments and practical applications, and its relationships

to neighbouring fields.

Article III. Membership

a. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the life and work of George Kelly and

the Psychology of Personal Constructs.

b. Individuals can join GKS by submitting a membership application form to the organiza-

tion’s secretary. Members are not required to re-register.

Article IV. Officers and Steering Committee

Section 1

The Steering Committee shall consist of elected GKS officers (President, Vice-President,

Secretary/Treasurer, Information Officer, no more than five Members-At-Large).

Section 2

The President of GKS shall preside at all GKS meetings. This person shall serve as GKS’s

governing executive officer. In the event of the President’s death, resignation, absence or

inability to serve, the President’s duties shall pass to another elected GKS officer in the fol-

lowing line of succession: Vice-President, Secretary, Information Officer, then Members-At-

Large.

Section 3

a. An election of officers shall be conducted either (a) when the Steering Committee deems

an election to be desirable, or (b) upon request by majority of GKS Members. The Steer-

ing Committee may choose to hold regularly-scheduled elections, but are not required

hereby to do so. Elections shall be conducted by ballot distributed and collected electroni-

cally.

b. When an election is to be held, nominations will be solicited by communication to GKS

Members via e-mail.

c. Candidates can be nominated by any GKS Member; candidates may also self-nominate.

Nominations should be sent to the President or designee, and must be received by the date

specified in the election announcement. Candidates nominated by others must accept the

nomination before being placed on the ballot.

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d. The official ballot shall be e-mailed to all Members and must be returned by the date speci-

fied on the ballot.

Article V. Duties of Officers and Steering Committee

Section 1. President

a. The President shall have all duties usually ascribed to a presiding officer by a standard

manual of parliamentary procedure.

b. The President shall be empowered to appoint appropriate representatives and liaisons to

committees conducting GKS business.

c. The President shall be empowered to establish and appoint committees of a temporary

nature that are important to the President’s functions as executive officer, such us an In-

ternational Advisory Board.

d. The President shall oversee elections

e. The President (herself/himself or via a designee) shall keep appropriate records of GKS

business, including the taking of minutes at official meetings and maintaining a permanent

file of business transacted.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall act in place of the President when necessary.

Section 3. Secretary/Treasurer

a. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain a complete list of GKS member names, email ad-

dresses and country of residence.

b. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be in charge of all financial matters and shall receive mem-

bership dues. The Treasurer shall disperse funds at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

c. The Secretary/Treasurer shall report at regular intervals to the Steering Committee on the

financial status of GKS.

d. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare a financial report for the Steering Committee, to be

reviewed at each GKS business meeting.

Section 4. Members-At-Large

The Members-At-Large will participate in the oversight of the organization, and provide sup-

port for, and input to, the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Information Of-

ficer in the fulfillment of their specific roles.

Section 5. Steering Committee

a. The Steering Committee shall act as a deliberative body on all issues involving the gover-

nance of GKS and shall conduct the business of the organization between conferences that

bring together a larger body of GKS Members when a convened membership business meet-

ing can occur (e.g., conferences, etc.). When major issues of policy arise, the Steering

Committee shall make necessary interim decisions in the periods between convened mem-

bership business meetings.

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b. Exceptions to the responsibilities of the Steering Committee shall be where power is dele-

gated otherwise in this Constitution either to an officer, a committee, or to the membership.

Article VI. Nominations, Elections, and Terms of Office

Section 1

The President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Members-at-Large will be elected.

The terms of office shall be from the date of election until (a) the officer is replaced by a sub-

sequent election, or (b) the officer is unavailable to continue service via resignation, failure to

assume/maintain office, or death.

The terms of office shall usually be three years, with re-election possible.

Section 2

Election to office shall be by plurality of the votes cast.

Section 3

a. The Steering Committee is empowered to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, failure to

assume/maintain office, or death. The officer so elected by the Steering Committee shall

serve until the President can conduct a full election. An officer may be considered by the re-

mainder of the Steering Committee as failing to be involved in scheduled Steering Committee

deliberations.

b. The special procedures for filling a vacancy in the office of President are outlined in Article

IV, Section 2 of this Constitution. Power may be vested in the highest-ranking officer to fill an

existing vacancy by appointment if filling the vacancy is deemed urgent, pending approval of

the Steering Committee, by mail, telephone, or electronic ballot.

Article VII. GKS Conference

a. GKS may periodically hold a conference.

b. The Steering Committee shall meet at any GKS conference, as well as communicate regu-

larly at other times.

c. A business meeting, open to the entire membership, will be scheduled during any GKS

conference.

Article VIII. Quorum

Section 1

The majority of the members of the Steering Committee, convened in person or via tele-

phone/electronically, shall constitute a quorum provided that all Steering Committee mem-

bers were notified of the time and manner of convening.

Section 2

Five percent of the voting members of GKS shall constitute a quorum at any convened GKS

membership meeting in which business is transacted. No proxy shall be acceptable at such

meetings.

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Article IX. Finances

Section 1

Dues of Members shall be determined by the Steering Committee.

Section 2

a. The Secretary/Treasurer shall present a financial report at any convened membership

business meeting.

b. The President may appoint an Auditing Committee to audit the financial records of the or-

ganization.

Article X. Amendments

Section 1

Five GKS members may propose amendments to this Constitution. If approved by the Steer-

ing Committee, such amendment proposals and revisions shall be distributed to the mem-

bership with a due date for returning ballots clearly indicated.

Section 2

The Steering Committee may propose amendments to and/or revisions of this Constitution to

the membership at any time. Such amendment proposals and revisions shall be distributed

to the membership with a due date for returning ballots clearly indicated.

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