

St. Thomas More Society
Amended Constitution
Amended March 20, 2019

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1: Name: St. Thomas More Society (“STMS”)

Section 2 - Purpose: Spiritual Growth and Moral Leadership. STMS will host volunteer events, and events for Catholic leaders to speak to the law school.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, STMS expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

II.b Except as stated in paragraph II.a, membership is open to anyone interested in STMS without any further qualifications.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

III.a. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.c. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending),

the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article IV - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

IV.a. Titles The executive board ("e-board") shall consist of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and such other positions as the e-board shall determine by majority vote. All new positions shall be listed in the by-laws.

IV.b. Terms of office STMS shall hold elections for all e-board positions. Each officer position shall be for a term of one year. An officer may serve more than one term, but must run for re-election.

IV.c. Duties of Leaders The members of the e-board shall work to facilitate STMS's purpose statement. The treasurer shall have the special responsibility of managing STMS's budget. Both the President and Treasurer will have the additional responsibilities of completing training per OSU Union rules. Any additional duties shall be described in the by-laws.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

Elections for e-board members will be held every spring semester. Elections shall be open to all STMS members. The method of the election shall be in a manner convenient and fair to all STMS members.

Article VI – Advisor

VI. Prof. Camille Hébert shall be the STMS advisor.

Article VII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

VII. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments shall be posted to all members for 30 days, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes and should either require a two-third majority vote.

Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

VIII. STMS may be dissolved by a unanimous vote of the executive board or by a 3/4 vote of all members. Should any organization assets and debts exist, all debts will be paid within 30 days and any remaining assets will be donated to a Columbus food bank of the President's choosing. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from website.