ISSS Executive Committee – Minutes of Meeting

09.02.2026

The meeting opens at 18:00 (UTC+1) with the following agenda:

1. Discussion of the proposed amendments to the Statute, based on the work of the subcommittee
2. Reflections on the website, based on the work of the working group
3. Discussion of possible regional meetings
4. Organisation of the online General Assembly

The following members are present: President Michele Corradi and Executive Committee members Chloi Balla, Emily Baragwanath, Leo Catana, Gabriel Danzig, Vitor Milione, Francesca Pentassuglio, Trinidad Silva. Noburu Notomi is excused.

Below are the main points of discussion and the decisions taken on each agenda item.

1. The President presents the work carried out by the subcommittee on the revision of the Statute and submits to the Executive Committee the proposed amendments to the following articles:

– Art. 3 (Membership): The Committee discusses the inclusion of a diversity principle and the issue of a membership fee, with two options proposed: (1) a symbolic fee, or (2) no fee.
After an in-depth discussion, including consideration of a third option (suggested fees), the Executive Committee decides to adopt a no-fee policy and to issue an annual call for voluntary donations. The Committee also discusses the possible role of the non-profit foundation associated with Rice University in managing donations.

– Art. 7: The Committee discusses the prerogatives and role of the President vis-à-vis the Executive Committee, as well as the procedures for appointing the Secretary. It is decided that (1) the President serves as the chair of the Executive Committee; (2) the Executive Committees runs the Society according to the resolutions of the General Assembly; (3) the Secretary may be elected by the Executive Committee from among its members for a three-year term. The article is amended accordingly.

– Art. 9: After careful discussion, the Committee approves the additional specification that the President and the Executive Committee may from time to time sanction the organisation of regional meetings.

– New articles: The Committee discusses proposed new articles concerning the use of communication tools and political views. After careful consideration, the Committee opts for a concise version to be inserted before the current Art. 10.

The revised texts of Articles 7 and 9, together with the newly proposed article, shall be submitted for approval to the next General Assembly.

At the end of the discussion on the amendments to the Statute, the Committee considers the possible use of the mailing list for circulating announcements of general interest (fellowships, vacancies, etc.). After discussion, it is decided not to use the mailing list to disseminate news unrelated to Socratic studies, and to evaluate on a case-by-case basis the sharing of relevant announcements, including through the website.

2. The President presents to the Executive Committee the work carried out by the subcommittee on the website, showing the first proposals for improvements and expansions. The Committee also discusses the costs incurred so far in managing the website and possible future solutions. With the agreement of the Executive Committee, the President proposes discontinuing Google Workspace and hosting the website on the University of Pisa’s domain, in order to significantly reduce costs.

3. The President encourages the proposal and organisation of as many regional meetings as possible.

4. The Executive Committee discusses the planning of the General Assembly and decides to schedule it, following an additional meeting of the Committee, by 31 March.

The meeting closes at 20:10 (UTC+1).