ISSS General Assembly – Minutes of Meeting

30.04.2026

The meeting opens at 16:00 (UTC+1) with the following agenda:

1. President's remarks
2. Approval of the amendments to the statutes
3. General discussion on the future of the Society
4. Any other business

A total of 29 members of the Society were in attendance, including the President, members of the Executive Committee, former Presidents Gabriel Danzig and Don Morrison, and the Honorary President Livio Rossetti.
Below are the main points of discussion and the decisions taken on each agenda item.

1. The President briefly reviews the first six months following the General Assembly in Crete, thanking all those involved. He explains that the present meeting is convened to complete the revision of the Statutes and to allow for a broader discussion on the future of the Society. He summarises the work carried out by the Executive Committee, including the preparation of a consolidated draft of the Statutes and the decision to maintain free membership, while continuing efforts to secure funding.
Updates are also provided regarding the Society's website, the Virtual Socrates Colloquia, forthcoming publications of *Socratica* proceedings, and the planned regional meetings. Trinidad Silva, member of the Executive Committee, presents the imporvements and developments concerning the Society's website.

The President concludes by inviting discussion on the future direction of the Society, particularly with regard to inclusivity, multilingualism, and balanced geographical representation, and then gives the floor to the Honorary President.

Livio Rossetti conveys greetings and suggests giving greater attention to the fifth century in the works presented at Virtual Socrates Colloquia.

2. The proposed amendments to the Statutes were presented and discussed section by section.

- **Article 3**: Membership remains free. Discussion focused on the inclusiveness and scope of membership.
  Vote: 95% in favor, 0% against, 5% abstentions.

- **Article 7**: Approved unanimously (100% of votes in favour).
- **Article 8**: Following discussion, amendments were adopted clarifying the timing of the assumption of office by the President and Executive Committee: "at the end of the General Assembly" is replaced by "at the end of the triennial Socratica conference"; "a period of three years" is replaced by "until the conclusion of the following Socratica conference", "48 hours" by "24 hours" (the final wording reads: "The newly elected President and Executive Committee will take on their functions at the end of the triennial Socratica conference, and will remain in office until the conclusion of the next Socratica conference").

  A proposal was made to suspend new memberships for a period prior to the triennial conference. An amendment adding the term "registered" before "members" was approved.

  Vote: Approved unanimously (100% of votes in favour).
- **Article 9**: The amendment (replacement of "shall" with "may") is approved unanimously (100% of votes in favour).
- **Article 10**: The amendment concerning the regional meetings is approved unanimously (100% of votes in favour).
- Addition of **Article 11** (concerning the use of official communication channels): approved unanimously (100% of votes in favour).
- **Article 12**: Amendments included adding "registered" before "members" and replacing "present" with "in attendance."

  Vote: Approved unanimously (100% of votes in favour).

3. Several proposals and reflections are put forward. In particular:

- A proposal (by William Strigel) to introduce a podcast is received very positively. It is suggested (by Rodrigo Illaraga) that AI tools could be used to provide translations, thereby supporting multilingualism.
- The question of expanding membership, particularly in Africa, is raised by Susan Prince following one of the President's initial remarks. It is observed (by Noburu Notomi) that greater representation and participation from Africa, as well as from Asia and Oceania, would be highly beneficial for the Society.

4. No additional matters were raised.

The meeting closes at 17:30 (UTC+1).