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SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL SCHOLARS (SBS)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM ©2010 (rev. 03-2015)

Instructions: Read the information on the back before filling the form. ~~~ Check or tick status: [] New; or [] Renew. (ID)

Full Name/title (optional) / Sex: [] M; or [] F? I.D.
Last name/surname first name middle initial SSN or National

Institutional/Organizational Affiliation:

Name & position of Nominating Officer /Recommender:

Tel. (+ code) & Fax E-mail

Full Mailing Address [] Home or [] Business
Street number or POB

city/town state/province postal/zip code country
Date of birth: day/month/year Nationality Country of residence Marital status

Highest degree(s) obtained (name/date/institution):

Current degree program (field/inst./advisor):

Recent scholarly article published (title, journal, date):

Recent scholarly book published (title, publisher, date):

Recent scholarly paper presented (title, place, date):

◆ Current academic rank (check or tick the correct box) Last promotion (if applicable):
[] Lecturer OR [] Assistant Professor [] Senior Lecturer OR [] Associate Professor / Reader
[] Professor OR [] Research/Distinguished Professor [] Emeritus/Emerita Professor (retired)
[] Other/equivalent (specify):

◆ Current ministerial position (check or tick the correct box) Last promotion (if applicable)
[] Assistant / Associate Minister [] Senior Minister [] (Arch-) Bishop [] Retired Minister
[] Other/equivalent (specify):

◆ Current area(s) of research (PhD/ThD students, give thesis topic):

◆ Congress Learning Sessions (CLS): Choose 1-4 research area(s), reflecting your scholarly interest and competence
[] Biblical Exegesis & OT / NT Studies [] Biblical Backgrounds & Archaeology [] Biblical (or OT / NT) Theology
[] Biblical History & Cognate Studies [] Hermeneutics & Criticism [] Inter-testamental (Jewish) Studies
[] Language, Linguistics & Textual Criticism [] Dead Sea Scrolls/Qumran Studies [] Second Century/Patristic Studies
[] Second Temple/Rabbinic Studies [] Religions, Comparative/History of [] Interdisciplinary Studies/ Bible, Theology, Culture
[] Other (specify):

◆ Membership status desired (please see reverse side for rates): [] FULL member; [] Doctoral STUDENT member with discount (attach photocopy of current student ID); [] ASSOCIATE member (specify organization):

◆ Why do you want to join the Society of Biblical Scholars?

Do you subscribe fully to the Hokma Mission? [] Yes; [] No (please, state reason/reservations):

(recommender of independent scholar; or nominating officer to sign):
→ Signature: Date:
Signature (candidate): Date:

Send form to:
→ SBS, HOKMA HOUSE, Centre for Biblical Research, POB 13155, Jos 930001, Plateau State, Nigeria; or hokmahouse@gmail.com

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Recommended by SBS Council? [] Yes; [] No—reason: _____
Accepted by HH Board _____ Not accepted (reason: _____)
NEW Membership ID # _____ Classification _____ Duration _____ Renewing for [] 1 yr. or [] 2 yrs.
max. Expires _____; Amount charged and paid ₦ _____ / _____ or US\$ _____ / _____ ;
Payment by: [] Cheque or [] Visa/MC _____ [] Cash [] electronic wire _____ (Receipting info. _____)
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (DUES & BENEFITS)

1. In order to pre-register, attend or propose papers for the Annual Congress of the Society of Biblical Scholars, or receive the reduced rate, membership dues for the Congress year must be paid in full. Dues for the Congress year are to be paid by March 1st of each Congress year.
2. Dues are charged according to membership status approved by HH, upon the recommendation of the SBS Council, and do not reflect one's academic/ministerial ranking or position. Dues are subject to change without notice.
3. Members defaulting in payment of dues will lose reduced rate privileges given by HOKMA HOUSE; late dues + penalty must be paid by May 1st in order to attend, *not participate in*, the SBS Congress. Dues received after May 1st will be applied to the next year's membership fees, with attendance at current meeting denied. Late payments will affect members' benefits.
4. All *print* editions of publications included in the benefits package below, will be sent to members at no extra cost (incl. mailing outside Nigeria), until the online version/electronic access is ready. Members are responsible to notify SBS and HH of any changes to their mailing address.
5. Due to increase in postal rates, SBS will not send special "notices" (e.g., renewals) to members. Members are advised to watch mailings from HOKMA HOUSE for such reminders, or include such reminders on their list of "days to remember." Membership elapses automatically after 2 years of non-payment of dues, and must be renewed with this form. To facilitate membership renewal, members may pay in advance for two years only and receive confirmation of payment; such members will not be affected by increase in dues within the period.
6. (Associate) Membership of SBS is also open to Christian/religious publishers and church/educational/mission organizations. Interested organizations are invited to apply *in writing* to HOKMA HOUSE (attn.: SBS). If approved, they will enjoy a small discount off Hokma House materials (print & electronic), and floor exhibition space cost during congress meetings.
7. Annual SBS Congress meeting will normally be held for 4-5 days (Thursday–Monday) of the 4th week of September. Congress venues follow a limited rotational system, and will also regularly be held outside of Nigeria—in other African countries—as recommended by the SBS council and approved by HH.
8. **NOTE: PRINT EDITION OF MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE BENEFITS PACKAGE WILL ATTRACT ADDITIONAL POSTAGE (AND SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES, WHERE APPLICABLE) ONCE THE ON-LINE / ELECTRONIC VERSION BECOMES FULLY ACCESSIBLE.**

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FULL MEMBERS

- Confidential membership directory & other member-related information (print edition)
- Lead SBS program unit and/or (commissioned) research project
- Propose and present papers for the Annual SBS Congress
- Receive *SBS Congress Papers—the Annual Congress Volume (ACV)*
- Participate in governance/functions of Hokma Forum (e.g., SBS) through appointment or election
- Receive and contribute to *New Horizons*—HH official bulletin/newsletter
- Research & technology grant information (as available)—and eligible to apply
- Reduced rate on HH print journal subscriptions; eligible to serve as journal/ACV editorial member
- Reduced registration fees for SBS Annual Congress

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS & DOCTORAL STUDENT MEMBERS

- Confidential membership directory & other member-related information (print edition)
- Receive and contribute to *New Horizons*—HH official bulletin/newsletter;
- Limited mail inserts for members; free limited advertisement via HH newsletter; reduced Ad rates for *Sapientia Logos* journal (*Associate members only*)
- Reduced rate on HH publications and print subscriptions (e.g., *SBS Congress Papers—the ACV*)
- Reduced rate on floor exhibition space cost during SBS congress meetings only (other meetings/conf. excluded)—*Associate members only*
- Attend SBS Annual Congress—*Associate members* and *doctoral students*, reduced registration fees for annual congress meetings—*doctoral students only*
- Limited participation at the Annual SBS Congress meeting (e.g., present papers) and contribute to *Sapientia Logos* journal—*doctoral students only*

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (₦: for Nigeria; US\$: for other countries) → Payable upon acceptance only (with HH invoice)

(Local and international postage included for HH/Congress-related materials)

- ◆ Full member: ₦18,500.00 (Nigeria only); US \$105.00 (Africa only) and US \$125.00 (all others)
- ◆ Doctoral student member (incl. discount): ₦12,500.00 (Nigeria only) or US \$85.00 (Africa & all others)
- ◆ Associate member: ₦25,500.00 (Nigeria only) or US \$225.00 (Africa & all others)

HOKMA HOUSE ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL FUNDS—*your invitation to participate!*

HOKMA HOUSE seeks to establish endowment/capital funds to support its current and *future* major programs. For more information, please contact HH. Or, you may visit our website for more information on how you can support our current programmes.

PROCEDURES & CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

SBS accepts Christian biblical scholars as members and cherishes them as such! SBS operates a nomination/confirmation process of membership; nomination is done primarily by the institution/organization with which the scholar is affiliated; and final confirmation is by HH on the recommendation of the SBS Council. (Scholars who apply as an Independent Scholar should secure a recommender to sign their form). Each institution within Africa with resident fulltime biblical scholars is allowed to nominate five (5) scholars, at least two of whom must be female members of its resident faculty. Institutions outside of Africa are allowed to nominate three (3) scholars, at least one of whom must be a female member of its resident faculty. PhD students should apply through their current institution of study. Local church/mission organizations with resident scholars are generally limited to nominate two (2) resident biblical scholars for membership. *Appointment* to SBS honorary membership is restricted to senior research/distinguished and semi-retired professors and is limited to only one (1) scholar per eligible institution. This form should be completed, signed by both nominee and nominating officer of the institution/organization, and mailed to the address on the form. On acceptance, each scholar and nominating institution will be sent an official letter detailing other guidelines/policies. A scholar ceases to be an SBS member when he or she ceases to be in fulltime resident faculty status with the original nominating institution; in such a situation, the institution should request for a replacement of SBS scholar. HH accepts such as the only legitimate ground for seeking a replacement of a nominated and accepted scholar. All nominating bodies likewise agree to work out an acceptable modus operandi of meeting the various tasks and obligations that may devolve upon their scholars as members of SBS. Scholars are expected to be conversant with and have been active contributors to their field prior to acceptance to SBS membership. This minimally suggests that such scholars have been published, or are on their way to being that as with PhD student members. SBS provides a learning forum and opportunity for each member who wishes to excel in his or her areas of scholarly endeavor.

SBS AND THE HOKMA MISSION

... to promote constructive research into all dimensions of the Bible, and its faithful exposition, through a critical engagement with the Bible, theology and culture, and thereby equip the corporate church and individual Christians for holistic ministry and discipleship.

SBS operates with relative autonomy under HH whose mission it seeks to support via its unique activities and those shared with HH. It is pertinent then that accepted members be prepared to work with certain constraints, as by the nature of things. Thus, each member subscribes to the Hokma mission on the basis of acceptance to membership. Such entails, *inter alia*, according to the Bible the unique status it has historically received in the Christian church; it is indeed this exclusive position that invites at the same time our critical engagement with the Bible, precisely in how it continues to shape human lives and society today and well into the future. Participants in this exercise at SBS are thus invited to explore afresh these indubitable claims of the Bible to being the final revealed Word of God the Father in the person and work of his Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour and glorified Lord, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. SBS invites its scholars to probe these manifest truths for the academy, church and society of Africa (and world-wide), from an accepted framework of Christian interpretation and tradition. They demand our assent and commitment.

... on the path to rediscovering the Christian faith in all its fullness!