

CTSA Blog Committee: Membership and Responsibilities

The CTSA Blog Committee is composed of three (3) active members of the CTSA, each appointed by the CTSA President to a three-year staggered term. The CTSA Executive Director is a member of the committee ex officio. The CTSA member in the third year of his or her term serves as Chair of the committee. The committee is principally responsible for two tasks: 1. initiating blog topics for posting that appeal to the current theological interests of the CTSA membership, and evaluating such proposed blog topics submitted by the CTSA active membership for posting; 2. reviewing the discourse of proposed blogs and posted comments for conformity to the “CTSA Statement on Professional Behavior.” The execution of these tasks will be coordinated by the Chair of the committee.

- **Initiating Blog Topics:** Typically, this work is the primary responsibility of the appointed member serving in the second year of her or his term. The second-year “blogger” will discuss all initiatives with the other members of the committee. In the event of disagreement on the appropriateness of a particular initiative, action will require a majority vote of the appointed CTSA members who serve on the committee. The ex officio member of the committee does not vote. If a majority vote cannot be reached, the Chair will determine the appropriate action.
- **Reviewing Blog Postings:** This work is the responsibility of all committee members. Any member of the committee may raise a concern about the appropriateness of blog discourse, as may CTSA members in their communication with the committee. Considerations of editing or deleting blog discourse will be adjudicated by the committee. When there is disagreement in the committee on whether blog discourse should be edited or deleted, action will require a majority vote of the appointed CTSA members who serve on the committee. The ex officio member of the committee does not vote. If a majority vote cannot be reached, the Chair will determine the appropriate action. In the case of an egregious violation of the CTSA policy on blog discourse or in the case of the unavailability of committee members to adjudicate a particular consideration in a timely manner, the Chair of the committee may exercise his or her prerogative to edit or delete a blog posting or comment. In such cases, the Chair will explain his or her actions to the committee for the committee’s judgment.

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