Constitution of the American Scientific Affiliation

Article I: NAME, OBJECTIVES, AND STATUS
Section 1: The name of this organization shall be The American Scientific Affiliation, Incorporated.
Section 2: The objectives of The American Scientific Affiliation (hereafter, the ASA) shall be
   a. to integrate and to interpret the discoveries of the natural and social sciences with the insights derived from Scripture and Christian theology;
   b. to share scientific knowledge, ethical concerns, and the results of the integration and interpretation produced in Objective 2.a with other Christians, in order to help the Church better understand science, technology, and Christian theology; and
   c. to share faith and scholarship with scientific colleagues.
Section 3: The ASA shall be a nonprofit organization within the meaning of the law.

Article II: DOCTRINAL STATEMENT
Section 1: The members of the ASA shall give assent to the following doctrinal statement:
   a. We accept the divine inspiration, trustworthiness and authority of the Bible in matters of faith and conduct.
   b. We confess the Triune God affirmed in the Nicene and Apostles’ creeds, which we accept as brief, faithful statements of Christian doctrine based upon Scripture.
   c. We believe that in creating and preserving the universe, God has endowed it with contingent order and intelligibility, the basis of scientific investigation.
   d. We recognize our responsibility, as stewards of God’s creation, to use science and technology for the good of humanity and the whole world.
Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The members of the ASA are men and women who have made a personal commitment of themselves and their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who subscribe to the Doctrinal Statement of the ASA, and who pledge themselves to support the Objectives of the ASA stated in Article I.

Section 2: The classes of membership in the ASA and their benefits are as follows:

a. Associate membership is available to anyone who can give assent to the statement of faith, but who is not necessarily involved in a science field as defined in Article III, Section 2, c. Associates receive all member benefits and publications and take part in all the affairs of the ASA except voting and holding office.

b. Membership as a Student Member (enrolled in a discipline leading to Full Membership) or Student Associate (enrolled in other disciplines) is open to full-time students who can give assent to the statement of faith. Those joining as Student Members have voting privileges; those joining as Student Associates do not. Full-time student verification is required.

c. Full membership is for all persons with at least a bachelor’s degree in a scientific discipline, who can give assent to the statement of faith. Science is interpreted broadly to include anthropology, archeology, computer science, economics, engineering, history, mathematics, medicine, psychology, and sociology as well as the generally recognized science disciplines. Philosophers and theologians who are interested in science are eligible for full membership. Full members receive all member benefits and publications and take part in all the affairs of the ASA, including voting, but are not eligible for election to the Executive Council.

d. Membership as a Fellow is for those who hold an advanced degree in science or philosophy, who are currently engaged in scientific or related work, who have demonstrated an active interest in the objectives or activities of the ASA, and who have been recognized by the majority of Fellows voting as
deserving the status of Fellow. Fellows receive all member benefits and publications, take part in all the affairs of the ASA, including voting, and are eligible for election as members of the Executive Council.

e. The spouse of members may join as a Spouse Member in the class of membership appropriate to the spouse’s credentials.

f. The status of Retired Fellow or Retired Full Member may be chosen by those retired from full-time employment who find themselves unable, by reason of age, to continue active membership. Such members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the ASA except that of holding office.

g. Emeritus Fellow or Emeritus Member status may be conferred on those who have contributed regularly to support the objectives and the activities of the ASA, but who find themselves unable, by reason of age, to continue active membership. Emeriti shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the ASA except that of holding office.

h. The status of Honorary Fellow may be conferred upon anyone—a Fellow, a Full Member, or a non-member—who, in the opinion of the Executive Council, has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the objectives of the Affiliation. A Fellow or Full Member of the Affiliation may be elected an Honorary Fellow at any time, and election to the rank of Honorary Fellow does not alter the rights and privileges of such members. A nonmember who is elected Honorary Fellow shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member of the ASA except those of voting and holding office.

Section 3: The Friends of the ASA are individuals who, for whatever reasons, do not wish to join the ASA, but who nevertheless wish to support the aims of the organization and to receive its publications. This is a nonmember, nonvoting level of participation in the ASA.
Article IV: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Section 1: The affairs of the ASA shall be governed by an Executive
Council constituted of Fellows elected by the Fellows and
Full Members.
Section 2: The officers of the ASA shall be elected by the Executive
Council from its own ranks and shall consist of a
President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Article V: AMENDMENTS
Section 1: Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by
means of a resolution of the Executive Council or by
means of a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of
the total number of Fellows and Full Members.
Section 2: Ballots for any constitutional amendment shall be mailed
to the Fellows and Full Members at least two (2) months
before the date appointed for counting the ballots, which
date shall be stated on the ballots. If the total vote is at
least one-third (1/3) of the number of Fellows and Full
Members and two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast are
favorable, the proposed amendment shall be adopted.

Article VI: DISSOLUTION
Section 1: In the event of dissolution or termination of the ASA, the
Executive Council shall, after the payment of all of the
liabilities of the ASA, dispose of all of the assets of the
organization exclusively for the objectives of the ASA, in
such manner, or to such organization(s) that are
organized exclusively for the advancement of the
integration and interpretation of the discoveries of
natural and social sciences with the insights derived from
Scripture and Christian theology as based upon the
doctrinal statement of the ASA. Such organization(s) shall
at the time qualify as an exempt organization or
organizations under section 501(c)3 of the Internal
Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of
any future United States Internal Revenue Law).