

Proposal

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Scientists (ASDAS)

Purpose

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Scientists (ASDAS) shall consist of members around the world who have a professional interest in a field of science and also value their commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist faith. The objectives of the association are:

1. To provide a professional forum for the open and scholarly exchange of ideas on matters relating to science, faith, religion, and philosophy.
2. To provide a channel of communication to facilitate social interaction among Seventh-day Adventist scientists who share common geographical, institutional, cultural, or historical backgrounds or subject matter interests.

Structure

The Association shall consist of

1. **Chapters (CHP)** - These may be geographical-based or institutional-based groups of members who are affiliated with each other by virtual of their geographical proximity or shared common institutional background. E.g. South American Chapter, Avondale Chapter, La Sierra Chapter..
2. **Special Interest Group (SIG)** - These are discipline-based grouping of members who share common interest in different fields of science, or philosophy. E.g. Physics SIG, Biology SIG, Geology SIG, Environmental Science SIG

Activities

Here we shall describe possible activities for the world ASDAS group. Many of these activities may be incorporated at the Chapter or SIC level to encourage member interactions.

- The Association shall hold a triennial scholarly conference once every three years. Location and time shall be selected to maximize the number of attendees globally. Papers submitted to the conference shall be peer reviewed and will be published electronically.
- During the triennial conference, the ASDAS General Meeting shall be held, in which matters relating to the whole association will be discussed and decided, and new officers are elected.
- The Association shall have an official website that should be accessible from anywhere in the world. The website may become the main channel of communication among members for some. The website shall have blogging facilities to allow members to express short but important views on science and Adventism or other relevant topics.

- The Association shall publish an *ASDAS Newsletter* at least once per year. It will be distributed to each member, either electronically or by hard copy. The newsletter may contain personal and institutional news, as well as other articles of interest to ASDAS members.
- Another benefit is, Adventist institutions may choose to publicize their open positions via the association Newsletter and/or Website to reach a wider audience.
- If desired, we may also create ASDAS social group in one or more of these social media Facebook, Tweeter, etc.
- (For future consideration) Publication of a peer-reviewed electronic journal, *Journal of The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Scientists (JASDAS)* consisting of articles of specific interests to members. Its scope and coverage may be revisited in future.

Membership

There shall be two tiers of membership:

1. **Full Members** must possess at least a graduate degree in the natural sciences (which may deem to include mathematics/computer science) and identify themselves to be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. **Associate Members** must possess at least an undergraduate degree in the natural sciences (which may deem to include mathematics/computer science) and identify themselves to be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Office Holders

The ASDAS Board shall consist of the following office holders

- President
- Immediate Past President
- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor
- Web Master
- Two (2) ordinary members

The term of the office shall be for three (3) years, as new officers are elected at the triennial conference. The Board shall meet at least once a year, either in person or via web meeting.

Constitution and By Laws

To be developed by new officers