

Society of Biblical Literature

Checklist for New Annual Meeting Program Unit Proposals

Deadline: February 1

***All proposals are evaluated collectively and comparatively and according to the Criteria for Annual Meeting Program Committee Review of Program Unit Proposals and Renewals.

Submit completed proposal by deadline given above to Charles Haws, Manager of Programs, at charles.haws@sbl-site.org. Proposals not submitted by the deadline will not be considered.

Name of Unit

Type of Unit (check one below)

Consultation 3 year term – usually the first incarnation of a PU and formed to explore the

viability of and interest in a subject; also short-term units responding to current

trends or topics/methods/inquires new to the SBL program

Section 6 year term – offers presenters most access for unsolicited papers; required to have

at least one open session each year; session types include panels and workshops

Seminar 6 year term – long-range collaborative research topics/papers that require active

participation and well-defined research topics or projects; unit chairs collect papers before meeting and distribute to participant group; papers are summarized

and discussed, not read, at meetings

***Groups and Workshops have been eliminated. Units of these types will complete their terms as such; if they pursue renewal, they will choose to be either Sections or Seminars.

Forty-word synopsis of rationale and aims for public viewing

For units that include the discussion of artifacts (manuscripts, art, archaeological, etc.), include statement on evidence of an awareness of issues related to provenance.

One page description of new unit that includes the rationale, uniqueness, relationship to existing program units and discipline as a whole, and long term viability. Written statements of support from related program units are strongly encouraged (append to proposal form).

One paragraph CVs for the chair (maximum 2) and steering committee members (at least 2 and no more than 4) to include the following

- name, current institution, position, address, phone and email
- SBL membership number (chairs and steering committee members must be members of SBL)
- degrees, years, and granting institutions
- relevant scholarship and experience

Unit Member 1

Unit Member 2

Unit Member 3

Unit Member 4
Unit Member 5
Unit Member 6
Program unit chairs and steering committee members should evince efforts to involve a diverse group of people in terms of gender, ethnicity, current institutional affiliation, degree-granting institutions, and country. Whenever possible, members should collectively represent more than one gender, ethnic group institution, and country.

assessment of the program unit's own development.	
Session 1	Theme:
Session 2	Theme:
Session 3	Theme:

Session 4

Theme:

Projected topics for the first two years, evidence of variation in methodological approaches, including the

names and preliminary paper topics of invited participants. Topics should evince some critical