



A Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars

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Statement of Purpose

The “Legion of Zoom” is a Sherlockian scion society which is made up of members who attended meetings of various other scions virtually. The term “Legion of Zoom” was first uttered by Greg Ruby, at a virtual meeting attended by Steve Mason and Rich Krisciunas.

The object of the scion society is to promote the study and enjoyment of the stories of Sherlock Holmes written by the late Arthur Conan Doyle, and of kindred subjects, the life of Arthur Conan Doyle, and the society of Victorian times. This promotion will be the continued use of virtual meetings to allow Sherlockians from all over the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world to enjoy fellowship and scholarship with societies which would otherwise not be viable.

Society Motto

A Virtual Society for Virtual Sherlockians

Membership

To become a member of the Legion of Zoom, one must attend a minimum of 17 meetings of different societies virtually. Virtual meetings sponsored by a Sherlockian Society (does not have to be a BSI scion society) count toward the 17 minimum meeting requirement. (Thus, for example, Scintillation of Scions, Saturday at the Pratt Library, 221b Con).

An individual who wishes to become a member of the “Legion of Zoom” should submit a list of the society meetings attended virtually to the Zoomaster for verification.

We affirm the full participation of all persons and pets who meet the eligibility requirements.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Upon a vote of at least three officers of the Legion of Zoom, an "Honorary membership" may be awarded in recognition of special services to our group, thereby enabling such member to the benefits of Legion membership, including having their name listed along with members of the Legion of Zoom with an asterisk designating their honorary membership.

Meetings

Any virtual society meetings where two or more Legion of Zoom members attend will be considered "a meeting of the Legion of Zoom."

Officers

The officers of the Legion of Zoom Scion Society shall be the Zoom-Chatterer, the Curator, the Transcript, the Moneybags and the Pettyfogger. Other positions may be created by by-law.

Duties of Officers

Duties of "Zoom- Chatterer"

The Zoom-Chatterer shall preside at all meetings, when present. The Chatterer shall further be charged with the general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of the Society.

The Zoom-Chatterer shall be responsible for maintaining a list of Legion of Zoom Society members and maintaining a list of eligible societies. The Zoom-Chatterer shall always abide by the general rule of the Society, "humor is not a committee function. However, puns, even bad ones, will always be welcomed."

Duties of "Curator"

The duties and powers of the Zoom-Chatterer when absent, shall be exercised by the Curator and if the Curator, or such other Director as the Board may from time to time appoint for the purpose, exercises any such duty or power, the absence or inability of the Zoom-Chatterer shall be thereby presumed. The Curator shall work closely with the Zoom-Chatterer and help with any presidential duties that need support.

Duties of “Transcript”

The Transcript shall be responsible for saving any discussions of Legion of Zoom business in chat and making such chat discussions available to members upon request. Decisions agreed to in chat that may impact the group should be disseminated to the Society’s members via e-mail. No minutes of any meeting shall be recorded, even though we will try to make every minute count.

Duties of “Moneybags”

The Moneybags (or “Capitalism Monitor”) shall have no duties as there are no dues for membership.

Duties of “Pettyfogger”

The Pettyfogger will be responsible for commenting on any legal issues that arise at a virtual meeting and will conduct research during and after a meeting, if necessary, to answer any questions that arise. The Pettyfogger may include telling old war stories from their legal experience as may be appropriate. The Pettyfogger shall receive no compensation for their work.

Dues

There are no dues for membership.

Hazing Rituals

Hazing rituals will not be tolerated at any time.

Meetings

Meetings of the Society may be called by any member of the board and may also take place informally at any virtual meeting where two or more Legion of Zoom members are present. If members choose to conduct Society business at a virtual meeting, business should be conducted in chat; while this practice is tolerated, it is not encouraged.

There is absolutely no guarantee, even implied, that a member will not be bored at some meetings. Any officer may also conduct "clandestine affairs" amongst members without any guilt over leaving anyone out of the loop.

Zoom Etiquette

All members of the Legion of Zoom shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner during Sherlockian Zoom meetings, such as: knowing how to mute/un-mute themselves at the right time; not eating with their mouths open; not slamming other members in chat when responding to EVERYONE (We reserve the right to discriminate based on chat overuse in legitimate Society meetings); never duplicating another chat message (read previous messages before weighing in); being VERY KIND to those running a Zoom meeting (it's harder than it looks); and knowing how to properly share their screen when giving a presentation.

When a breach of etiquette is conducted by a member, never apologize for the breach with an excuse.

Admonishments

In keeping with Zoom Etiquette, admonishments (also to be sold in tins) shall be handed out to members engaging in minor breach of moral conduct, with shunning reserved for only the most serious situations. The officers shall determine what constitutes breaches of moral conduct at a future, probably never to be determined, date.

Leave of Absence

Each member has the absolute right to exempt themselves from all virtual gatherings for a small duration of time (no set time frame) without anyone harassing them about it.

Membership Removal

Membership removal shall only occur after heart-felt discussion and discernment. This means, if a member causes heart-burn to the officers, they can vote to remove the member from the rolls. If at any time, a member suddenly realizes, "I thought Legion of Zoom members were better than this", they can choose to voluntarily remove themselves from the rolls.

Voting

Questions arising at any meeting of the Society shall be decided by vote of a majority of active members in the society, not simply by the members present at a meeting; for example, if there are 10 active members, a vote of six members is needed to pass a resolution. Each Society member shall have one vote.