



STATUTE OF THE NEOBYZANTINE MOVEMENT

1. *Neobyzantine Movement* is an organisation of individuals and groups who share an idea of Unionism of all the nations and peoples, races and groups of individuals, under the Christian, Orthodox Faith or common cultural legacy of the Byzantine Empire and civilisation, as described in the [Program of the Neobyzantine Movement](#).
2. *Neobyzantine Movement* supports equal treatment to all the nations and races, as well as inseparable rights of freedom of these peoples to their culture and cultural development. The Movement will accept individuals of non-Orthodox and non-Byzantine origin if they have strong pro-Byzantine feelings.
3. *Neobyzantine Movement* is consisted of individuals and groups, organised throughout the world, with regional and local chapters, which are united in the single body under:
 1. the Local Branch (*LB*) (of municipalities like towns, cities), which are grouped into :
 2. the Regional Branch (*RB*) (larger groups with common language and other cultural characteristics)
 3. the Supreme Council (*SC*) that is consisted of:
 - the *Representatives* of Regional Branches
 - the *Supreme Body* of the Council (the standing part consisted of founders and honourable members)

Each Local Branch is represented with the *Local Council*, which is consisted of the honourable Members and founders of the particular Branch, and the elected body of at least 5 members, with the 6 months mandate.

Each Regional Branch is represented with the *Regional Council*, which is consisted of the honourable Members and founders of the particular Branch, and the elected body of at least 8 members, with the one year mandate. The elected body and founders could be represented with the same person.

Each Regional Branch could have sub-*Divisions* in the hierarchy, which represent cultural or lingual characteristics of the particular group of the area of responsibility of the Branch. They could be National Divisions in the Regional Branch that could group several Local Branches of the lower level. Divisions are in direct responsibility of Regional Branches and are functioning as their integral part. They have rights to elect 2 delegates the most into Regional Council, and those persons could hold several functions in the Regional Council, as described in stigmata 6-8.

4. *Member of the Neobyzantine Movement* could be any person, regardless of gender, nationality or race, more than 16 years old (*Youth member*), and more than 21 years old (senior member). Every new candidate must swear an oath to the Membership Representative of the Council (*MROC*) (Local, Regional or Supreme), and show by life all the stigmas of [an Oath of the new Member of the Neobyzantine Movement](#). Each member must be an example to other members - how to behave, how to help the 'brother' in need. Each member of the Movement should response to every action and call from the *MROC* , or to inform him of the impossibility to attend the action, in advance. Each member could give personal opinion or advice on any problem related with the Movement either to his *RoC* or directly to Local, Regional or Supreme Council of the Movement.



5. Any person that is a member of an organisation that is fighting against the ideas of pan-Byzantine Unity or against Orthodox Christian, Eastern Christian or Christian faith in general, could not become member of the Neobyzantine Movement. Members of other organisations that are declared as terrorist, fundamentalist, extreme right or communist, (for a period longer than 12 months), cannot become members of the Neobyzantine Movement.
6. Each Local Council should elect at least 1 and maximum 3 Representatives to the respective Regional Council, with the one year mandate.
The Regional Branch selects Representatives as delegates to the Supreme Body of the Council, with the mandate of two years, to represent their Branches and views. Each Regional Branch should delegate at least 1 Representative to the Supreme Body, and the most 1 Representative from each Councils of the Branch.
7. Each Local Branch (*LB*) of the NBM should have these minimum of functions that are being operated by the LC:
 - Founder(s)
 - Chairman
 - the Co-chairman
 - Financial officer
 - Officer of the Public Relations and cooperation with other Branches
 - Technical and Administrative Officer
 - Security Officer
 - Membership Representative of the Council (MRoC)

Each function is elective and has the mandate of 1 year. The person could be nominated for the election if is a member of the Movement for more than 1 year. Before that, all the functions of the LC should be operated by the founders of the LB for 18 months after the creation the most. One person could be elected for 2 positions in the Council the most. The same person could be elected to the position in the Council for three continual mandates the most.

8. Each Regional Branch (*RB*) of the NBM should have these minimum of functions that are being operated by the RC:
 - Founder(s)
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Financial officer
 - Officer of the Public Relations and Information
 - Officer for cooperation
 - Technical and Administrative Officer
 - Security and Defence Officer
 - Secretary of the Religious, educational and humanitarian affairs
 - Membership Representative of the Council (MRoC)

Each function is electional and has the 2 years mandate. The person could be nominated for the election if is a member of the Movement for more than 2 years. Before that, all the functions of the RC should be operated by the founders of the RB for 24 months after the creation the most. One person could be elected for 2 positions in the Council the most, except for the function of Chairman of the Council which could not be divided with any other function in the Regional Council. The same person could be elected to the position in the Council for three continual mandates the most.



9. Each Branch of the Movement (Local and Regional) should send annual reports to each other under the same higher-rank Branch (i.e. the LB should make contacts with other Branches in the same Region, and so should RB contact each other). In the case of an emergency, LBs of different Regions could work and operate together, either by merging on the temporary basis or cooperating until the state of an emergency is over.
10. If a member of the Neobyzantine Movement does not show active interest to the cause of the Movement or the Neobyzantine Idea, the RoC should present the case to the Council which should decide on further membership status of that person. The Council should inform the person of their decision, no more than 3 days after the meeting on the very one subject.

Member of the NBM could send an appeal on the work of the RoC of the appropriate Council to any higher-rank Council of the Movement, in written form or electronically. The informed Council should response to the appeal less than 14 days after the receiving the appeal. Otherwise, the Supreme Council should consider the appeal and respond to it in less than 21 days after the initial 14 days after the receiving (i.e. in less than 35 days after the appeal was received from the member).

11. In cities, regions, and states where the membership is not sufficient to form Local neither Regional Branches, special form of organising will take place under the person, the *Special Commissioner* who will manage and conduct the activities of the Movement in their regions. They will gradually form Local and Regional Branches and contact members of the Movement under their National or language Divisions.



You could read on the:

- Program of the Movement (<http://www.neobyzantine.agrino.org/movement/program.htm>)
- Idea of the Neo Byzantio (New Byzantium) (<http://www.neobyzantine.agrino.org/movement/idea.htm>)
- Regions, divisions and the activities of Branches (<http://www.neobyzantine.agrino.org/movement/program.htm>)
- Oath of the new member (<http://www.neobyzantine.agrino.org/movement/join/oath.htm>)