

Proposed Amendments to Society Laws

Following Council feedback, the following changes to the four enumerated laws of the society below will be presented to Society members at the next two Society meetings, as per Law 26 of the Society. Note that no change is being made to the composition of the Council, which – as per Law 7 – is as follows:

“The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, not more than eight Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Treasurer and three Honorary Secretaries who, together with fourteen other Ordinary Members of the Society, shall constitute the Council.”

Rule	Original	Proposed
6	Ordinary Members shall pay a yearly subscription. This sum shall include the subscription for the Journal of the Society. The subscription becomes due on the 1st October in each year, and is payable in advance. Ordinary Members may compound for life for their annual subscription by a single specified payment. No Ordinary Member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society or to vote at any meetings of the Society while his or her subscription is unpaid. No subscription shall be payable by Honorary members. A Group Member shall pay a yearly subscription and shall receive two copies of the Journal of the Society. These subscriptions shall be determined from time to time by the Council and any proposed alteration shall be ratified by a resolution passed at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society.	Ordinary and Group Members shall pay a yearly subscription. This sum shall include the subscription for the Journal of the Society. The subscription becomes due on the 1st October in each year and is payable in advance. Ordinary Members may compound for life for their annual subscription by a single specified payment. No Ordinary Member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society or to vote at any meetings of the Society while his or her subscription is unpaid. No subscription shall be payable by Honorary Members. Subscriptions shall be determined from time to time by the Council and any proposed alteration shall be ratified by a resolution passed at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society.
8	Nine members of the Council, in addition to those who retire under Law 10, shall retire each year and shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. The retiring members of the Council shall be those who are most senior in membership of the council by reference to the latest date of election of each member of the Council. In the event of equal seniority, the member or members who shall retire shall be decided by agreement or, failing agreement, by lot. In the absence of a majority recommendation by the	Eight members of the Council, in addition to those who retire under Law 10, shall retire each year and shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. The retiring members of the Council shall be those who are most senior in membership of the council by reference to the latest date of election of each member of the Council. In the event of equal seniority, the member or members who shall retire shall be decided by agreement, reflecting member participation, or by lot. At an ordinary meeting of the Society

	<p>Council, no member of the council other than an officer of the Society shall be eligible for re-election on the expiration of his or her term of office or shall continue in membership of the Council if such member has not attended at least one half of the aggregate number of the meetings of the Council and of the Society which he was eligible to attend during the twelve months ending in each year on 1st April preceding the annual election of Council Members. At an ordinary meeting of the Society normally to be held in the month of May in each year, vacancies on the Council shall be filled by election. Notice of such election shall be given by the Honorary Secretaries to each member of the Society not less than three days before such meeting, and none but Members shall vote at such meeting. Any Member wishing to nominate a candidate for election under this Law, who has previously obtained the consent of such person, shall forward the name of the candidate to the Honorary Secretaries not less than ten days preceding such meeting.</p>	<p>normally to be held in the month of May in each year, vacancies on the Council shall be filled by election. Notice of such election shall be given by the Honorary Secretaries to each member of the Society not less than 21 days before such meeting, and none but Members shall vote at such meeting. Any Member wishing to nominate a candidate for election under this Law, who has previously obtained the consent of such person, shall forward the name of the candidate to the Honorary Secretaries not less than ten days preceding such meeting.</p>
13	<p>The Council shall meet whenever summoned by the Honorary Secretaries of the Society on the instructions of the President, or on a requisition in writing signed by any three Members of the Council. Five members shall form a quorum, and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Procedure at meetings of the Council shall be determined by the Council.</p>	<p>The Council shall meet whenever summoned by the Honorary Secretaries of the Society on the instructions of the President, or on a requisition in writing signed by any three Members of the Council. Five members shall form a quorum, and the President shall have a casting vote. Procedure at meetings of the Council shall be determined by the Council.</p>
18	<p>The session shall commence in the month of October (when the President or a Vice-President shall, if convenient, read an opening address), and close in the month of May, and if possible seven ordinary meetings at least shall be held in each session.</p>	<p>The session shall commence in the month of September and close in the month of May, and if possible at least seven ordinary meetings shall be held in each session. If convenient, the President or a Vice-President shall read an address at either the opening or closing meeting.</p>