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**THE SOCIETY OF CONSULTING MARINE  
ENGINEERS AND SHIP SURVEYORS**

**Company Number: 00164726**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

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on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

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**INTERPRETATION**

**1.**

- 1.1. In the interpretation of the Constitution the following words and expressions have the following meanings, unless excluded by the subject or context:-
- 1.1.1. "Act" means the Companies Act 2006 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.
  - 1.1.2. "Affiliates" means any persons who are engaged in responsible positions in maritime affairs who would not be eligible for membership but who are in sympathy with and wish to give their support to the achievement of the objects of the Society and who have been admitted by the Council as an affiliate of the Society upon such terms as the Council shall from time to time decide but such person shall not be entitled to vote nor shall they be counted in the quorum at any meeting of the Council or the Society.
  - 1.1.3. "Annual General Meeting" means any meeting of the Society held in accordance with the provisions of Article 27.
  - 1.1.4. "Annual Subscription" means such sum as shall be decided upon by the Council as the figure for the subscription fees in any one year.
  - 1.1.5. "Articles" means the Articles of Association of the Society.
  - 1.1.6. "Associate Member" means any person who is eligible for associate membership under the Bye-Laws and whose application for associate membership has been successful.
  - 1.1.7. "Auditors" means such persons appointed as auditors by the Society under the provisions of Part 16 of the Act.
  - 1.1.8. "Bye-Laws" means those rules set out in the form annexed to these Articles but always subject to amendment by the Council under Article 76 below.

- 1.1.9. "Chairman" means the President or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents or such other person as shall be appointed as chairman of a General Meeting under the terms of Article 43.
- 1.1.10. "Committee" means any committee of the Council.
- 1.1.11. "Committee Meeting" means any meeting of a Committee.
- 1.1.12. "the Constitution" means and includes the Memorandum of Association of the Society and these Articles of Association and the Bye-Laws of the Society from time to time in force.
- 1.1.13. "Co-Opted Fellow" means any Fellow co-opted by the Council under Article 60.2.
- 1.1.14. "Council" means the President, both Vice-Presidents and Past Presidents together with certain of the Fellows (the number of such Fellows shall not exceeding thirty nine) (such Fellows being co-opted under Article 60.2 or appointed under these Articles).
- 1.1.15. "Council Meeting" means any meeting of the Council.
- 1.1.16. "Director" means any person appointed to be a director of the Society in accordance with the terms of the Act.
- 1.1.17. "Fellow" means any member of the Society who meets the requirements set out in the Bye Laws and whose application for transfer to the class of Fellow has been successful.
- 1.1.18. "General Meeting" means any meeting of the members of the Society.
- 1.1.19. "Honorary Fellow" means any person elected to be an honorary fellow by the Council under the provisions of Article 19.
- 1.1.20. "Honorary Member" means any person elected to be an honorary member by the Council under the provisions of Article 19.
- 1.1.21. "Immediate Past President" means any person who has held the office of President but whose term of office ended immediately before the President took office.
- 1.1.22. "In Practice" and "Practising" mean engaged in remunerative professional employment in technical maritime affairs.
- 1.1.23. "member" means a member of any class of membership of the Society or, where appropriate, a member of the Council or any committee of the Society.
- 1.1.24. "Member" means any person who is not a Fellow, Associate Member, Affiliate, Honorary Fellow or Student Member.
- 1.1.25. "month" means a calendar month.
- 1.1.26. "Non-Practising" means neither engaged in, nor seeking, remunerative professional employment in technical maritime affairs.
- 1.1.27. "Office" means the registered office for the time being of the Society.
- 1.1.28. "Officer" means those persons set out in Articles 57.1 and 57.2 below.
- 1.1.29. "Ordinary Resolution" means an ordinary resolution of the Society passed in accordance with Section 282 of the Act.

- 1.1.30. "Past President" means any person who has held the office of President but whose term of office has ended.
- 1.1.31. "President" means a person appointed as president under the Bye-Laws.
- 1.1.32. "Principal Consulting Marine Engineer and Ship Surveyor" means any person who is the proprietor or acting partner in a firm of consulting marine engineers, naval architects or marine surveyors; or is the principal surveyor, superintendent engineer or naval architect to a company or association whose principal business relates to shipping matters.
- 1.1.33. "Profession(s)" means any technical profession which falls directly into the category of consulting marine engineers or Ship Surveyors, or naval architects, or which is recognised by the Council as ancillary thereto.
- 1.1.34. "Seal" means the Common Seal of the Society.
- 1.1.35. "Secretary" includes an assistant or deputy secretary, and any person appointed by the Council to perform the duties of the secretary.
- 1.1.36. "Ship Surveyor" any person whose principal business or occupation is the performance of the functions of a ship or engine surveyor.
- 1.1.37. "Society" means the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors.
- 1.1.38. "Special Resolution" means a special resolution of the Society passed in accordance with Section 283 of the Act.
- 1.1.39. "Student Member" means any person who is eligible for Student Membership under the Bye-Laws and whose application for student membership has been successful.
- 1.1.40. "United Kingdom" means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 1.1.41. "Vice-President" means any person appointed as a vice-president under the Bye-Laws.
- 1.2. Words importing the singular number only, include the plural number.
- 1.3. Words importing the plural number only, include the singular number.
- 1.4. Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender.
- 1.5. The words "Marine" and "Maritime" are synonymous.
- 1.6. Expressions referring to writing shall be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.
- 1.7. Words and expressions defined in the Act shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings in these Articles.

#### **GENERAL**

2. None of the Articles contained in Schedule 2 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (Model Articles for Private Companies Limited by Guarantee) shall apply to the Society except so far as embodied in any of the following Articles, which shall be the Articles for the management of the Society.

3. The Society is, for the purpose of registration, declared to consist of an unlimited number of members.

#### **OBJECTS**

4. The Society is established for the following purposes:-
  - 4.1. to provide a central organisation for those engaged in a consultative or similar capacity in technical maritime affairs;
  - 4.2. to watch over, promote, and protect the mutual interests of its members and generally do all such things as from time to time may be advisable and/or necessary to elevate their professional status;
  - 4.3. to foster the exercise of the highest quality of professional service and efficiency by its members;
  - 4.4. to provide the opportunities for discussion amongst the members, and to promote the acquisition and dissemination of useful information connected with the professions, so as to assist the members in the application of modern technology;
  - 4.5. to assist necessitous members, and the widows and children or any other dependent kindred of deceased members, to act as treasurer and distributor of any benevolent fund or funds which may be contributed by members or others for these purposes, or any of them and to make any contributions out of the surplus assets or income of the Society from time to time to any such benevolent fund or funds;
  - 4.6. to purchase, have, hold and dispose of any buildings to be used as an institute, college or lecture rooms, or any other property, real or personal, for the advance of the above objects or any of them;
  - 4.7. to take all such steps as are necessary in order for the Society to become a statutory authority pursuant to the passing of any regulation or order by the relevant Secretary of State in connection with or concerning the safety or regulation of any ship, marine craft, pleasure yacht or pleasure craft. Further to take all such steps as are necessary for the Society to perform its duties in accordance with its obligations as such statutory authority; and
  - 4.8. to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them,

provided that the Society shall not support with its funds any object or endeavour to impose on or procure to be observed by its members or others, any regulation, restriction or condition which, if an object of the Society, would make it a trade union.
5. Any duly approved alteration of the Articles or the Bye-Laws shall be sent to every member of the Society at his last known address, pending the publication of a revised copy of such Articles and Bye-Laws.
6. The income and property of the Society, derived from whatever source, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in these Articles, and no portion of such income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever, by way of profit to the members of the Society except in the circumstances set out in Article 9 below.
7. Nothing in these Articles shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Society or to any member of the Society in return for any services actually rendered to the Society or for approved out-of-pocket expenses or the payment of interest at a reasonable rate on money lent or reasonable and proper rent of premises demised or let by any member to the Society.

## **LIMITED LIABILITY**

8. The liability of the members is limited and every member of the Society undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Society in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Society contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding the sum of £10.

## **WINDING UP**

9. If upon winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed equally among the members of the Society.

## **ADMISSION OF MEMBERS**

10. The members of the Society (other than Honorary Members hereinafter mentioned) shall consist of such classes of membership as may be decided by the Council from time to time. Every person who can satisfy the qualification requirements of the Society shall be eligible for consideration as a member. Only Fellows, Members and Associate Members shall have power to vote at any meeting of the Society, or any Committee of the Society. Only Fellows shall have power to vote at Council meetings.
11. Any person who has become a Member may, if duly qualified and approved by the Council, become a Fellow on paying the additional fees required by the Constitution.
12. It shall be competent for any duly constituted meeting of the Council in special cases to admit to membership of the Society any person or persons who may not be eligible under the Constitution, and it shall be in the absolute discretion of such meeting to decide whether any case brought before it is special or not, provided always that any person seeking to be admitted shall make application to the Council on the Society's Official Application Form and provided further that the votes of not less than one-half of the members of the Council present are in favour of acceptance.
13. All members shall pay the Annual Subscription on the due date for their respective classes of membership for the time being in force as determined by Council in accordance with the Bye-Laws. Persons admitted to membership shall, in addition, pay on admission such entrance fees as may be required by Council.
14. Any members transferring from one class of membership to another shall pay such transfer fees as may be required by Council.
15. Every member of the Society shall be entitled to a certificate on admission or transfer. Affiliates of the Society shall not be entitled to certificates. The certificates shall be in forms approved by Council, and when granted shall be signed by the President, one or other of the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary of the Society for the time being.
16. All such Certificates shall remain the property of the Society and shall be returned to the Society upon request.
17. Every member, on admission, shall receive a copy of the Articles and the Bye-Laws of the Society for the time being in force.
18. The Council are empowered in the event of it being shown to their satisfaction that a misrepresentation has been made by, or on behalf of, and within the knowledge of any applicant, or in the event of the applicant's entrance fee and first annual subscription not being paid within three months after the admission of an applicant as a member of the Society, to revoke his

admission to membership and cancel his membership or take other steps as the Council in its sole discretion shall decide.

19. Any duly constituted meeting of the Council shall be competent to elect any person to be an Honorary Member or an Honorary Fellow of the Society if the resolution proposing such election shall have been passed by three-quarters of the members of Council present and voting.
20. Honorary Members of the Society shall not be liable or be called upon to pay any fee or sum on admission as an Honorary Member, or to pay an annual subscription to the Society.
21. Every member shall from time to time notify to the Secretary a place of business or residence to be his registered address for the purpose of sending to such member any notice or notices of the Society.

#### **RESIGNATION, FORFEITURE OF, OR SUSPENSION FROM MEMBERSHIP**

24. Any member may resign on giving notice to the Council, but the Society shall be entitled to recover any subscription due from him.
25. If any member shall fail to pay his subscription as required by Article 13 hereof he shall be considered as having resigned and shall cease to be a member, and all rights and privileges of membership shall be withdrawn. The Council shall have power to exercise its discretion in varying or suspending the operation of this Article in special cases.
26. *Should the professional behaviour of any member be called into question, being such behaviour as, in the opinion of the Council, merits serious consideration, then the Council, after notifying the said member in writing at his registered address of the alleged offences, shall afford that member an opportunity of giving an explanation within such time period as is specified in the notice either personally or in writing, whichever he prefers. After receipt of the member's explanation or expiry of the said time period (whichever shall be the earlier) the Council shall decide what, if any, action is warranted in the circumstances. If censure is considered necessary, the Council may suspend the offending member withdrawing all rights and privileges during such period as it may think fit, or it may, if considered necessary, expel the offending member PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT any such action requires the consent of not less than two thirds of the members of the Council present and voting at that Council Meeting.*

#### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

27. The Society shall in each year hold a General Meeting as its Annual General Meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it; and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of the Society and that of the next. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Council shall appoint.
28. The Council may, whenever it shall think fit, and shall, upon a requisition made in writing by any twenty or more members having the right to attend and vote, stating the business for which the General Meeting is required, convene a General Meeting, or, in default, such a meeting may be convened by such requisitionists as is provided in Section 303 of the Act.

#### **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

29. Every General Meeting of the Society, whether Annual or otherwise, shall be called by at least twenty-one clear days' notice (or at least 28 clear days' notice where the Act so requires). The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given. A General Meeting may be called by shorter notice than that specified in this Article in accordance with the provisions of Section 307 of the Act.

30. The notice shall specify the time and place of the General Meeting and in the case of special business (as defined by Article 42 hereof) the general nature of the business to be transacted or such information as the Act requires such notice to contain.
31. The notice shall be given to all the members and shall state with reasonable prominence that a member of the Society entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy must be a member of the Society.
32. Proxies may only be validly appointed by a notice in writing (a "Proxy Notice") which:
  - 32.1. states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;
  - 32.2. identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy at the General Meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
  - 32.3. is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the Council may determine; and
  - 32.4. is delivered to the Society in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the General Meeting to which they relate
33. The Society may require Proxy Notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
34. Proxy Notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
35. Unless a Proxy Notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
  - 35.1. allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and
  - 35.2. appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the General Meeting to which it relates as well as the General Meeting itself.
36. A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a General Meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid Proxy Notice has been delivered to the Society by or on behalf of that person.
37. An appointment under a Proxy Notice may be revoked by delivering to the Society a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the Proxy Notice was given.
38. A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the General Meeting or adjourned General Meeting to which it relates.
39. If a Proxy Notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.
40. The accidental omission to give notice of a General Meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a General Meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that General Meeting.



## PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

41.

41.1. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be six members entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy.

41.2. Any members of the Council may attend and speak at General Meetings.

41.3. The ordinary business for the Annual General Meeting shall be:

41.3.1. to read and approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;

41.3.2. to elect nominated Fellows to Council;

41.3.3. to elect the new President as a Director of the Society;

41.3.4. to receive and approve the income and expenditure accounts and balance sheets of the Society's general and benevolent funds for the year;

41.3.5. to receive the announcement of the Officers for the ensuing year;

41.3.6. to acknowledge the investiture of the new President and hear the retiring President's remarks;

41.3.7. to receive the new President's inaugural address; and

41.3.8. to confirm the appointment of the Auditors and their remuneration.

41.4. At all General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting any six voting members present shall form a quorum. No business other than that for which such General Meeting has been called may be transacted at such a meeting.

42. All business other than that specified in Article 41.3 hereof transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed special as shall all business transacted at a General Meeting.

43. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Society but if none of them shall be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or if none of them is willing to act then the members present and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

44. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting such a quorum (as defined in these Articles) is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members entitled to attend and vote thereat, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to such other day and at such other time and place as the Council may determine.

45. The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

46. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:-

46.1. by the Chairman; or

46.2. by at least five members having a right to vote on the relevant resolution; or

- 46.3. by any member or members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote on the relevant resolution.
47. Upon demand of a poll, a poll must be taken forthwith.
48. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:
- 48.1. the poll has not yet been taken; and
  - 48.2. the chairman of the General Meeting consents to the withdrawal.
49. A poll shall be taken as the Chairman directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
50. In the case of equality of votes, whether on show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman shall not be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
51. Only fully paid-up Associate Members, Members and Fellows shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Society.
- 52.
- 52.1. A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a General Meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 52.2. No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a General Meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.
- 52.3. Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting whose decision is final.
- 52.4. A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a General Meeting when:
- 52.4.1. that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting; and
  - 52.4.2. that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.
- 52.5. The members of the Council may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a General Meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.
- 52.6. In determining attendance at a General Meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 52.7. Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a General Meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

#### **OFFICE AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

53. The Office of the Society shall be at such place in England and Wales as the Council may from time to time appoint. The principal management and general superintendence of the business of the Society shall be at the said Office.

## **THE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS**

54. The Directors shall be the President and the Immediate Past President who shall delegate their powers to conduct and manage all the business and affairs of the Society to the Council subject always to the provisions of the Act, the Articles, the Bye-Laws and any directions given by Special Resolution. The quorum for any meeting of Directors shall be two unless the number of Directors shall be one when the quorum shall be one.
55. If any person ceases to be the Immediate Past President of the Society then that person shall be deemed to have resigned from the office of Director on the date of such change and the Society will notify Companies House accordingly.
56. If either the President or Immediate Past President die whilst in office then the most senior Vice President by date of ratification by the Council shall be eligible to be appointed by the Members and the Council will proceed with all dispatch to call a General Meeting of the Society in order to appoint such Vice President as a Director.
57. The Officers of the Society shall be:-
  - 57.1. the President and both Vice-Presidents for the time being, and Past Presidents;
  - 57.2. a number of Fellows not exceeding thirty-nine, (who together shall constitute the Council of the Society); and
  - 57.3. the Secretary of the Society who shall attend all meetings of the Council (and all General Meetings of the Society) in the proper pursuit of his duties, but without voting rights.
58. Any candidate for the offices of President or Vice-President of the Society shall be a Fellow who is or has been a member of the Council or who is a Honorary Fellow of the Society.
59. The Council shall conduct and manage all the business and affairs of the Society subject always to the provisions of the Act, the Articles and any directions given by Special Resolution. No alteration of the Articles and no such directions shall invalidate any prior act of the Council which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given.
60. The Fellows on the Council shall be elected from among the Fellows by Ordinary Resolution, the Fellows nominated for election having been chosen:-
  - 60.1. At the Annual General Meeting in every year one third of the Fellows on the Council who have been in office longest since their last election, or if their number is not a multiple of three, the next lowest thereto, shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election. The members of the Society entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy at the meeting at which the members of the Council retire in manner aforesaid, may fill the vacated offices by electing qualified members to fill the same and in default each retiring member shall, if he offers himself for re-election, be deemed to have been elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office, or unless a resolution for the re-election of such a member of the Council shall have been put to the meeting and lost.
  - 60.2. Council may co-opt one or more Fellows to act in an advisory capacity. The co-option period shall not exceed twelve months although it may be renewed immediately on expiry. At any one time there shall be no more than three co-opted Fellows. Co-opted Fellows shall not have the power to vote.
61. Every member of Council shall vacate his office on ceasing to be a member of the Society, or being suspended for any period from membership of the Society.
62. A member of Council may at any time give notice in writing of his wish to resign from the Council, and on the acceptance of his resignation by the Council, but not before, his office shall be

vacant. A member of the Council who shall resign under this Article shall not thereby be disqualified from being at any time thereafter re-elected.

63.

63.1. Subject to Article 63.2, if a proposed decision of the Council is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Society in which a member of the Council is interested, that member of the Council is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

63.2. If Article 63.3 applies, a member of the Council who is interested in an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Society is to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum and voting purposes.

63.3. This Article applies when:

63.3.1. the Society by Ordinary Resolution disapplies the provision of the Articles which would otherwise prevent a member of the Council from being counted as participating in the decision-making process;

63.3.2. the member of the Council's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or

63.3.3. the member of the Council's conflict of interest arises from a permitted cause as defined in Article 63.4 below.

63.4. For the purposes of this Article, the following are permitted causes:

63.4.1. a guarantee given, or to be given, by or to a member of the Council in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the Society or any of its subsidiaries;

63.4.2. subscription, or an agreement to subscribe, for securities of the Society or any of its subsidiaries, or to underwrite, sub-underwrite, or guarantee subscription for any such securities; and

63.4.3. arrangements pursuant to which benefits are made available to employees and members of the Council or former employees and members of the Council or any of its subsidiaries which do not provide special benefits for members of the Council or former members of the Council.

63.5. For the purposes of this Article 63.5, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any meeting of the members of the Council or part of meeting of the members of the Council.

63.6. Subject to Article 63.7, if a question arises at a meeting of the members of the Council or of a committee of the members of the Council as to the right of a member of the Council to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any of the members of the Council other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.

63.7. If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting of the members of the Council (or part of the meeting of the members of the Council) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the members of the Council at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting of the members of the Council (or that part of the meeting of the members of the Council) for voting or quorum purposes.

## **MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

64. The Council shall hold at least two meetings in every year (but in the interests of good management the Council shall endeavour to hold three or more meetings each year) to be convened by the Secretary as instructed, one of which shall be held shortly before the Annual General Meeting.
65. Subject to these Articles , members of the Council participate in a meeting of the Council, or part of a meeting of the Council, when:
  - 65.1. the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with these Articles; and
  - 65.2. they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
66. In determining whether the members of the Council are participating in a meeting of the Council, it is irrelevant where any member of the Council is or how they communicate with each other.
67. If all the members of the Council participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.
68. At all meetings of the Council, the President, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall be Chairman of the meeting, and in their absence a Chairman shall be elected from among those present.
69. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall not be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
70. Four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of a Council Meeting.
71. Minutes of the proceedings of Council shall include a record of attendance, and shall after approval be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they are read, and recorded by the Secretary in the minute book.
72. Every such minute, when so approved, signed and recorded shall, in the absence of proof of error therein, be considered a correct record of the original proceeding.

## **DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

73. In addition to its general power the Council shall (without in any way prejudicing or limiting the extent of such general power) have the following special powers and duties:-
  - 73.1. It may establish and maintain or procure the establishment and maintenance of any non contributory pension or superannuation fund for the benefit of, and give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances or emoluments to, any persons (other than members of the Society) who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Society and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such persons and to establish and subsidise or subscribe to any institutions, associations, clubs or funds considered by it to be for the benefit of all or any such persons as aforementioned and to make payments for or towards the insurance of any such persons as aforesaid and to do all or any of the matter aforesaid either alone or in conjunction with others.
  - 73.2. It may, subject to the rules and regulations for the time being in force, do all other things that it considers conducive to the interest or good management of the Society or the promotion of its objects.
74. The Council may appoint from among its own members such Committees as it may deem expedient, and may delegate to any Committees so appointed such powers, authorities and discretions as may from time to time be vested in the Council subject always to the directions and

in accordance with the principles laid down from time to time by the Council. The minutes of all Committee Meetings shall be passed to the Secretary for circulation to the members of the Council.

75. The Council shall appoint:-

- 75.1. from among its members three trustees, who shall be empowered to sign all authorised cheques drawn by the Society, to make any payments authorised by the Council and to act as receiving names on behalf of the Society for payments due to the Society from such of the Society's investment sources as may be required. The trustees shall have no power to authorise any payments by the Society; and
- 75.2. a solicitor or firm of solicitors to be the solicitors to the Society.

#### **THE BYE-LAWS**

76. The Bye-Laws of the Society may be amended by the Council from time to time provided that such alteration shall not cause the Bye-Laws to conflict with the Articles. The Articles shall prevail in the event of any conflict.

#### **BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS**

77.

77.1. The Council shall cause proper accounting records to be kept with respect to:-

- 77.1.1. entries from day to day of all sums of money received and expended by the Society;
- 77.1.2. all sales and purchases of goods by the Society; and
- 77.1.3. the assets and liabilities of the Society.

77.2. The books of account shall be kept at the Office or at such other place or places as the Council shall think fit and shall always be open to the inspection of the members of the Council.

77.3. The Council shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Society or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being members of the Council and no member (not being a member of the Council) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Society except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Council or by the Society in General Meeting.

77.4. At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Council shall cause to be laid before the Society proper income and expenditure accounts in respect of both the general and benevolent funds of the Society for the financial year together with proper balance sheets made up as at the same date.

77.5. The annual income and expenditure accounts and balance sheets shall, after being certified by the Auditors (which obligation shall only apply if auditors are appointed), be presented to the Council for approval, and be signed by at least two members of the Council before submission to the Annual General Meeting.

## **AUDITORS**

78. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Act unless the Society is exempt from audit pursuant to Part 16 of the Act and the Council resolves not to appoint auditors.

## **THE SEAL**

79. The Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Council. The Council may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the Seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a member of the Council and by the Secretary.

## **COMMUNICATION**

- 80.
- 80.1. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, a document or information may be sent or supplied by the Society to a person by being made available on a website.
- 80.2. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be sent to him or an address to which notices may be sent by electronic means is entitled to have notices sent to him at that address, but otherwise no such member is entitled to receive any notices from the Society.
- 80.3. If any share is registered in the name of joint holders, the Society may send notices and all other documents to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holding and the Society is not required to serve notices or other documents on any of the other joint holders.
- 80.4. If the Society sends or supplies notices or other documents by first class post and the Society proves that such notices or other documents were properly addressed, prepaid and posted, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents 48 hours after posting.
- 80.5. If the Society sends or supplies notices or other documents by electronic means and the company proves that such notices or other documents were properly addressed, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents 24 hours after they were sent or supplied.
- 80.6. If the Society sends or supplies notices or other documents by means of a website, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents when such notices or other documents first appeared on the website or, if later, when the intended recipient first received notice of the fact that such notices or other documents were available on the website.
- 80.7. For the purposes of this Article 80, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.

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**BYE-LAWS**

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As amended by Special Resolutions passed  
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24 September 2004 and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011.  
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