

RULES OF THE SOCIÉTÉ JERSIAISE
As amended and approved at the Annual General Meeting of Members, 19th April 2007

NAME

1. The name of the society shall be SOCIÉTÉ JERSIAISE.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2. The objects of the society are the study of the history, the ancient language, the geology, the natural history and the antiquities of Jersey, the dissemination of knowledge about them through education, publication, exhibition and by other means; the preservation of the ancient language, of antiquities and of significant relics and records, and the conservation of the environment.

STATUS

3. The society shall be non-political, but this shall not preclude action deemed necessary by the Executive Committee to uphold Rule 2.

COMPOSITION OF THE SOCIETY

4. The society shall consist of:
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| (a) Patrons (see Rule 5) | (f) Ordinary Members (see Rule 6) |
| (b) Membres d'Honneur (see Rule 5) | (g) Overseas Members (“ ”) |
| (c) Bienfaiteurs (see Rule 5) | (h) Student Members (“ ”) |
| (d) Honorary Life Members (see Rule 5) | (i) Junior Members (“ ”) |
| (e) Corresponding Members (see Rule 5) | (j) Corporate Members (see Rule 7) |
- Members of categories (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall pay no annual subscription.

SPECIAL MEMBERS

5. (a) PATRONS shall be distinguished persons, who may be invited at any time by the Executive Committee to accept the position of Patron.
- (b) MEMBRES D'HONNEUR shall be persons who have rendered special services to the society, or those who have achieved special distinction in matters that are among the objects of the society and who, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may be elected by members at an Annual General Meeting.
- (c) BIENFAITEURS shall be persons nominated by the Executive Committee from among those who have made substantial contributions to the affairs of the society in money or in kind.
- (d) HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS shall be nominated by the Executive Committee from among those Ordinary Members or other persons who have rendered long and distinguished service to the society.
- (e) CORRESPONDING MEMBERS shall be eminent persons, resident outside Jersey, nominated by the Executive Committee for their ability to provide valuable links with research overseas. They shall be appointed for up to ten years, after which they can be renominated and shall enjoy the benefits and privileges of ordinary membership but shall not have the right to vote on, or otherwise take part in, the management of the society.

GENERAL MEMBERS

6. (a) ORDINARY MEMBERS shall normally be resident in Jersey, and shall become entitled to the privileges of membership on submission of a completed Application Form, together with the appropriate subscription, to the office of the society, when their names and addresses shall be posted on the society's notice board until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

(b) OVERSEAS MEMBERS shall be Ordinary Members resident outside Jersey.

(c) STUDENT MEMBERS shall be Ordinary or Overseas Members aged eighteen years or more and in receipt of full-time education, shall pay a subscription less than that paid by Ordinary Members, but shall not have the vote on, or otherwise take part in, the management of the society.

(d) JUNIOR MEMBERS shall be Ordinary Members between the ages of eight and eighteen years, shall pay a subscription less than that paid by Ordinary Members but shall not have the vote on, or take part in, the management of the society.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

7. (a) CORPORATE MEMBERS shall be bodies or organisations wishing to support the society which shall be entitled to certain privileges of membership determined for each Corporate Member by the Executive Committee.

(b) Each Corporate Member shall nominate one mandataire with the right to exercise one vote at General Meetings of the society.

SUBSCRIPTION AND ENTRANCE FEE

8. (a) The amount of any entry fee and of the annual subscription to be paid by Ordinary, Overseas, Student and Junior Members, and their entitlement to the Annual Bulletin of the society shall be fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee.

(b) The subscription to be paid by each Corporate Member shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

(c) Subscriptions shall fall due on the first day of January of each year.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS

9. (a) A member whose subscription is unpaid shall not have the right to make a proposition or vote at any meeting of the society.

(b) A member whose subscription remains unpaid for a period of twelve months shall be deemed to have resigned.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

10. The expulsion of a member can be effected only at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting and, to become effective, shall require the approval of at least two-thirds of members voting.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

11. A member wishing to resign shall submit his/her intention to the President or Executive Director at the office of the society, in writing, acceptance of which shall not absolve that member from the payment of all dues payable at the date of resignation.

DIRECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY

12. (a) The society shall be directed and administered by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the following -

(i) a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and six Executive Committee Members elected by the society as provided in Rule 13, all of whom shall act in an honorary capacity with voting rights;

(ii) a salaried Executive Director, for whom normal rules of employment shall apply, appointed by the Executive Committee.

(b) (i) The President or, in his/her absence, a Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at all general meetings of members.

(ii) Propositions tabled at meetings of the society shall be carried by a simple majority except where specified in Rules 10, 17, 20 and 21; and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second, or casting vote.

(c) The Executive Committee may delegate any of its powers and duties to such Subcommittees as it may constitute from time to time.

(d) There shall be such Section Committees as shall be approved by the Executive Committee for which a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed by each Section Committee.

(e) The Executive Committee may prescribe, alter or cancel rules for the regulation of its business and of the business of any Subcommittee or Section Committee, provided always that such changes, additions or removals do not conflict with the Rules of the Society.

(f) The quorum of Executive Committee meetings shall be five.

(g) The President or a Vice-President and the Executive Director shall represent the society in all legal matters.

(h) The Executive Committee shall have the power to make such by-laws as it may deem necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the society, provided always that such by-laws do not conflict with the Rules of the Society.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

13. (a) The PRESIDENT shall be elected for a period of three years and on retiring shall not be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee for a period of one year.

(b) (i) VICE-PRESIDENTS shall be elected for a period of three years but on retiring shall be eligible for re-election for one further consecutive period of three years, always providing that such re-election does not extend beyond twelve years their total period of consecutive service as an elected member of the Executive Committee, other than by election to the office of President.

(ii) Vice-Presidents retiring after two consecutive three-year terms in that office and not immediately elected to the office of President shall not be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee for a period of one year.

(c) The TREASURER shall be elected for three years and on retiring shall be immediately eligible for re-election.

(d) (i) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS shall be elected for a period of three years but on retiring shall be eligible for re-election for one further period of three years, always providing that such re-election does not extend beyond twelve years their total period of consecutive service as an elected member of the Executive Committee, other than by election to the office of President.

(ii) Executive Committee members retiring after two consecutive three-year terms as Executive Committee members and not immediately elected to the office of President shall not be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee for a period of one year.

(e) A member holding any position on the Executive Committee shall be deemed to have vacated that position if he/she -

(i) submits to the President a letter of resignation;

(ii) becomes bankrupt or compounds with creditors; becomes of unsound mind or, by reason of ill health, is unable properly to fulfil the normal duties of an officer or member of the Executive Committee;

(iii) becomes convicted of an indictable offence or undergoes a term of imprisonment; is absent from four meetings of the Executive Committee in any one calendar year, without consent of the Executive Committee and without reasonable cause.

(f) In case of a vacancy caused by the election of a member to another office, a death or any of the circumstances listed in Rule 13 (e), and there had been an election for the vacated post, the runner(s) up may be offered the vacated position(s) in sequence. Where there was no election, or if the invitations are declined, the Executive Committee may invite a member either to accept co-option to fill the vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting or to fulfil the remainder of the term of office, at its discretion.

The Executive Committee may also invite a member or members to attend its meetings to give the Committee the benefit of their experience. Such invited members will not have voting rights.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

14. (a) Nominations for candidature, signed by the proposer and seconder, shall be submitted to the office of the society at least twenty-eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting and must contain an assurance that it is with the knowledge and consent of the candidate that he/she is being nominated.

(b) Nominations shall be placed on the Society's notice board as soon as they are received, where they shall remain until the meeting is held.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15. The Annual General Meeting of the society shall be held not later than the thirtieth day of April of each year for the purpose of transacting the following business: -

(a) to receive and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and of any Extraordinary General Meeting which may have been held since the preceding Annual General Meeting;

(b) to receive the Report of the Executive Committee;

(c) to receive the audited Statement of Accounts;

(d) to elect a President and two Vice-Presidents if necessary, a Treasurer and two members of the Executive Committee; and as many further members of the Executive Committee as may be required to fill vacancies.

(e) to confirm the names of the Chairmen and Secretaries of Section Committees;

(f) to appoint as Honorary Auditors a firm of qualified accountants; and

(g) to consider any other business of which twenty-eight days notice in writing has been received at the office of the society, the details of which have been expressed in the convening notice.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

16. An Extraordinary General Meeting of members may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or shall be held within twenty-eight days after a written request by not less than forty members has been received by the Executive Director. The only business to be considered at such a meeting will be any subject and/or proposition or alteration to Rules as expressed in the convening notice.

REPLACEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

17. (a) A resolution of no confidence in the President and/or Executive Committee shall be passed only if supported by at least two-thirds of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting convened to consider such a resolution.

(b) Should a vote of no confidence in the President and/or the Executive Committee be passed, no action shall be taken on the material cause of the vote of 'No Confidence' unless sanctioned by at least two-thirds of those voting at the meeting.

(c) The routine business of the society shall be conducted by the Executive Director until an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held not less than twenty-one days and not more than twenty-eight days later shall elect a President and/or Executive Committee as prescribed in Rules 12(a)(i), 13(a)(d) and 14.

QUORUM

18. The quorum required for Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be forty: if a quorum be not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a future date when the members present shall constitute a quorum.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND OTHER NOTICES

19. (a) Notices to members and other notices which concern the society shall be effected by the Executive Director only or by an Acting Executive Director appointed by the Executive Committee.

(b) Twenty-one days notice shall be given to members of any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General meeting and shall include all nominations and details of any proposed resolutions or alteration of Rules. No proposition shall be open to amendment at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. (a) Alterations to these Rules may be made only at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose.

(b) Alterations shall be proposed by the Executive Committee or on a written proposition of the resolution signed by a proposer and a seconder and at least twenty members.

(c) Propositions may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next Annual General Meeting if received in time for due notice to be given as in Rule 19. At other times, the request for an Extraordinary General Meeting must be made in accordance with Rule 16.

(d) Members shall be notified of proposed alterations to the Rules as specified in Rule 19b

(e) A resolution relating to the alteration of Rules shall be carried only if supported by at least two-thirds of the members voting at the meeting, at which there must be at least forty members present.

DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

21. (a) The society may be dissolved only by a resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose at which at least two-thirds of the votes cast support the resolution to dissolve the society.

(b) A member not attending the meeting may, in this matter only, register his/her vote on a form provided to be received at the office of the society no later than close of business on the day before the advertised date of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

(c) Should the society be dissolved, the gifts made to the society, its library or the former museum of the society shall be returned to the donors or to their heirs if such a condition has been imposed.

(d) Should the society be dissolved, all items referred to in Rule 21(c) with no condition imposed on them, and all other acquisitions shall be offered to the Jersey Heritage Trust, as an agent of the States of Jersey.

(e) Any item referred to in Rules 21 (c) and (d) not accepted by the Jersey Heritage Trust shall be disposed of at the discretion of the last President, the last Executive Committee and the last Patrons of the society.

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