



THE EDMUNDIAN ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. The Edmundian Association (the "Association") exists to establish and maintain bonds between St. Edmund's College (the "College") and its alumni, and among members.
2. The Association shall consist of Standard, Enhanced, Honorary and Associate members ("Members"). On joining, Members shall have all the benefits and privileges of membership and be bound by this Constitution. The names of new Members shall be communicated to the Members from time to time.

Membership - Standard & Enhanced

3. Past pupils of the College and their parents, current parents, and past members of the staff of the College shall be eligible for Standard membership in accordance with rule 4, and will be eligible to apply for Enhanced membership. Pupils at the College in Rhetoric are eligible to become Enhanced members in accordance with rule 10.
4. Subject to rule 10 as regards pupils at the College in Rhetoric, Enhanced membership shall be available on application to the Membership Secretary and approval by the Committee.

Membership – Honorary

5. The following shall be Honorary members of the Association:
 - persons from time to time invited by the Committee to be Patrons of the Association; and
 - past members of staff of the College and Enhanced members of the Association at the discretion of the Committee.

Membership – Associate

6. Members of teaching and senior bursarial staff shall be Associate members of the Association whilst employed at the College.

Subscriptions

7. Honorary and Associate members shall not be liable to pay any subscription but shall enjoy all the benefits and privileges of Enhanced membership.
8. Subject to rules 9 and 10, the annual subscription of Enhanced members shall be £12, or such other sum as may be fixed from time to time by the Committee as considered necessary, payable on joining and thereafter annually on the first day of March.
9. The Committee may from time to time, during such periods as it shall decide, make available:
 - to all Enhanced members, ten-year membership for the sum of £90; and/or
 - to Enhanced members aged 40 or over, life membership for the sum of £320
 or, in each case, such other sum as it may from time to time decide.

Young Members Scheme

10. While the Young Members Scheme agreed between the Association and the College or any replacement of such scheme remains in force:
- pupils at the College shall become Enhanced members automatically on entering Rhetoric; and
 - during the period beginning on their entering Rhetoric and ending three calendar years after the first 1 March after they leave the College, each member's annual subscriptions shall be paid to the Association annually by the College, after which payment of subscription shall become the responsibility of the member.

Suspension or Termination of Membership

11. Should any Enhanced member be more than a year in arrears in payment of all or part of their subscription, their name shall be reported to the Committee, which may in its discretion suspend or terminate their membership. The Committee may also in its discretion suspend or terminate the membership of any Member who acts in a way which is incompatible with the aims of the Association or may bring the Association or the College into disrepute.

President and Vice-Presidents

12. There shall be a President of the Association, who shall be a Member elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
13. There shall be two Vice-Presidents of the Association, of whom one shall be a former pupil at the College and the other a current or former member of staff at the College, who shall be Members elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Officers

14. The Officers of the Association shall consist of:
- a Chairman, a Treasurer, and a General Secretary; and
 - four further officers performing the functions of Membership Secretary, Social Secretary, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor or such other functions as the Committee may decide to allocate from time to time.

Officers shall be Members elected at an Annual General Meeting for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of three years, after which they shall be eligible for re-election annually for further periods of one year.

Committee

15. The Association shall be under the management of a Committee consisting of:
- the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Officers and, *ex officio*, the Headmaster for the time being of the College; and
 - nine other persons ("Representative Members") who shall be Members elected at an Annual General Meeting for a period of three years, after which they shall be eligible for re-election annually for further periods of one year.
16. At least one month before the date of each Annual General Meeting the General Secretary shall inform the Members of, and invite nominations for, all elections or re-elections that are to take place at the meeting. All candidates must be nominated by at least two other Members and must signify their acceptance of such nomination. Candidates shall be elected by a majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, either by a show of hands or by a ballot.

17. The Committee shall have power to fill vacancies arising between Annual General Meetings for Officers and Representative Members, such appointments to be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting. The terms of office of persons so appointed shall run from the Annual Meeting at which their appointments are ratified. The Committee may also co-opt additional members on a temporary basis for periods of up to one year at a time.
18. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year, eight members of the Committee to form a quorum.

Financial

19. The funds of the Association, both as to capital and income, shall be administered at the discretion of the Committee.
20. The banking account(s) shall be in the name of the Association. The signatories on the accounts shall be any two of the following authorised signatories, namely the Chairman, the Treasurer and the General Secretary. Investments shall be held in the name of the Association wherever possible but where they are required to be in the name of an individual, they shall be held in the name of the Treasurer for the time being, as nominee of the Association.
21. Notwithstanding rule 20 the Treasurer may effect payments arising in the ordinary course of business otherwise than by cheque, provided that the request for each such payment is brought to the attention of, and approved by, one other authorised signatory.

General Meetings

22. There shall be at least one General Meeting of the Association annually, to be held on at least one month's notice as the Annual General Meeting in London or at the College or at some other place accessible to the majority of the membership. A quorum of 21 Members must be present for the meeting to proceed to business. Should a quorum not be achieved, the meeting shall be adjourned to a further time and place at which those Members present shall form a quorum.
23. An Annual Report and a Statement of Accounts shall be prepared by the Chairman and Treasurer respectively and sent to all Members one month before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
24. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman, who may also be required to call such meetings on the written demand of eight members of the Committee or 21 Members of the Association.

General

25. Notices of death of Members shall be published in The Edmundian and also in the Annual Report, and the names of Members known to have died during the previous twelve months will be read out at the St Edmund's Sunday Mass, when all deceased Members will be remembered. A Mass shall be said for certain Members on their death at the discretion of the Committee.
26. Current copies of The Edmundian shall be sent at the expense of the Association to Honorary members of the Association.

Amendments

27. The foregoing rules may not be revoked, added to, altered or amended except by a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting. A full month's written notice shall be given to all Members of any proposed revocation, addition, alteration or amendment.

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