

Membership defined?

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ANGLO-CATALAN SOCIETY

1.0 TITLE

The name of the society shall be the Anglo-Catalan Society, hereinafter referred to as 'A-CS'.

2.0 PURPOSES

- 2.1 A-CS is established to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in Great Britain and Ireland, Catalonia and other Catalan-speaking areas, in relation to the advancement of Catalan studies.
- 2.2 In the furtherance of these purposes, but not otherwise, A-CS has power to:
 - 2.3 promote annual conferences to advance Catalan studies at which papers shall be read by the members of the society or by invited speakers;
 - 2.4 raise funds and invite contributions from any persons or organisations whatsoever by way of subscription, donation or otherwise, provided that A-CS shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary charitable purposes;
 - 2.5 provide and assist in the provision of events such as exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, cinema and video films, radio and television broadcasts and sound recordings, etc.;
 - 2.6 procure to be written and published, issued and circulated gratuitously or otherwise, any report, periodical, book or other material beneficial to the work of A-CS;
 - 2.7 provide at least one annual grant to
 - a student from an English-speaking area to visit a Catalan-speaking area and/or to
 - a student from Catalonia or a Catalan-speaking area for the purpose of visiting Great Britain and Ireland. The purpose of the grants is to enable students to study and carry out research into topics relevant to members' interests in Catalan studies. A-CS will endeavour to give students from Catalan speaking areas all help and support in the course of their investigations in Great Britain and Ireland.

3.0 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 3.1 A-CS shall be administered by a management committee, hereinafter called 'the committee'.
- 3.2 The committee shall manage the affairs of the Society in the best interests of Members and in accordance with the purposes set out above at 2.1-2.7.
- 3.3 The committee shall consist in the Honorary Officers and four Members of the Society at least one of whom should be of Catalan origin, elected for a period of three years.

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3.4 Honorary Officers of the Committee shall be:

- a) an Honorary Life President;
- b) a President, who shall be elected for a three year term and who shall not be eligible for immediate re-election;
- c) an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, who shall be elected annually;
- d) the immediate past Secretary who shall be, ex-officio, a member of the committee for a period of one year;
- e) the Editor of Anglo-Catalan Society Occasional publications;
- [f) a representative of the Casal Catala in London.]

3.5 The powers and duties of the Honorary Officers of the committee shall be defined by the committee.

3.6 In the event of a casual vacancy the committee shall be empowered to appoint a new member.

3.7 The committee shall have the power of co-option of any persons with special knowledge or experience to serve on the committee, including past honorary officers and committee members.

3.8 The election of officers and committee shall take place at the AGM, nominations to be made by the Committee or to be received by the Secretary from Members not less than fourteen days before such a meeting.

3.9 The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be exempted from the annual subscription for the period of their service on the committee.

4.0 OTHER COMMITTEES

4.1 The committee may appoint such sub-committees as may be deemed necessary and may determine their terms of reference, powers, duration and membership.

4.2 An Audit Committee of two Members of the Society who are not committee members shall be appointed annually at the AGM to audit the Society's accounts.

5.0 MEETINGS

5.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held once every financial year at such place as the committee shall decide. The Secretary shall give due notice of the meeting, not less than fourteen days before the date agreed.

5.2 Attendance at the AGM shall be open to all Members of the Society and any other parties invited by the committee. However, voting shall be restricted to members of the society.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Proper accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and audited accounts by the Audit Committee shall be submitted at the AGM for approval each year.

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- 6.2 The Treasurer shall manage the accounts so as not to produce a deficit.
- 6.3 The committee shall be empowered to spend such monies to cover whatever expenses it considers appropriate within the purposes of the Society.
- 6.4 The committee may appoint and pay such legal and financial advisers as shall from time to time be necessary for carrying out the purposes of A-CS.

7.0 MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION

- 7.1 Membership shall be open to all persons genuinely interested in the aims of the Society. Classes of membership shall be defined by the AGM from time to time.
- 7.2 The annual subscription, the amount of which shall be determined by the AGM, shall be payable in advance to the Treasurer, before the 1st of October each year.
- 7.3 All Members who have paid their subscriptions shall be able to attend and vote at the AGM.

8.0 TRUSTEES

- 8.1 The committee may appoint a trust corporation to act as trustees for the purpose of holding any monies or property belonging to A-CS.

9.0 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 9.1 Changes to the constitution shall only be made by a resolution passed by two thirds majority of those members present and voting at a general meeting of the society for which due notice of fourteen days has been given.
- 9.2 No alteration shall be made to the purposes of A-CS without prior approval of the Charity Commissioners, provided that no amendment shall be made that would cause the society to cease to be a charity at law.

10.0 DISSOLUTION

- 10.1 A-CS may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at a general meeting of the society for which due notice of fourteen days has been given.
- 10.2 Any such resolution shall give instructions authorising the disposal of assets held by A-CS provided that if any assets remain after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such assets are given or transferred to such other organisation or organisations having purposes similar to some or all of those of A-CS, as the committee may, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners determine. The Treasurer shall not be held personally liable for any debts incurred by the Society.