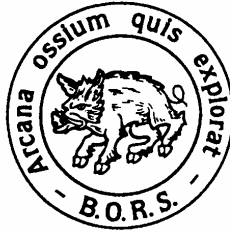


BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY CONSTITUTION



Objective of the Society

1. The Society shall be called the British Orthopaedic Research Society. Its objective shall be to provide a forum for the presentation and the encouragement of research and education in orthopaedics and its related disciplines.

Membership

2. The Society shall be composed of Ordinary Members, Senior Members and Honorary Members.

3. Ordinary Membership shall be open to professionals working in any area of orthopaedic research.

4. Senior Membership - will be available to those members who have retired but wish to retain their connection with the Society. Senior members will be exempt from annual subscriptions (it is incumbent upon the member to inform the Honorary Treasurer of this change in status). but must pay registration fees for meetings. They will be eligible to vote at the AGM and can stand for Committee Membership and as an Officer of the Society.

5. Honorary Membership will be awarded to those whom the Society wishes to honour with membership in recognition of a significant contribution to the aims and activities of BORS. Honorary Members will receive all Society papers and may attend meetings but will not be allowed to vote. They will be exempt from annual subscriptions and registration fees.

6. Ordinary Members, Senior Members or Honorary Members may be expelled from the Society if they bring the Society into disrepute. This

decision must be taken by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at the Annual General Meeting, their names having been notified to the membership by the Executive Committee twenty-eight days before the meeting.

7. On admission to the Society Members shall receive a copy of the Constitution.

Officers

8. The Officers of the Society shall be the President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. Any two Ordinary Members may propose and second any other eligible Ordinary, or where appropriate, Senior Member, who has expressed his/her willingness to serve. Elections shall be carried out by ballot. Each Officer shall normally hold office for two years. Elections will normally be held one year prior to the previous incumbent demitting from office. The elected person shall hold the position of "Officer Elect" (thus President Elect, Honorary Secretary Elect, Honorary Treasurer Elect) for the period of one year after the election. The Elected Officers shall then assume office on the retirement of the preceding officer. Retiring Officers shall not normally be eligible for re-election for at least three years.

9. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Society, comprising the three Officers, plus three other Members of the Society, drawn from Ordinary Members or, where appropriate, Senior Members. The President Elect, Honorary Secretary Elect or Honorary Treasurer Elect, will also be members of the Executive Committee. Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee will be proposed and seconded by Ordinary Members of the Society, elected by ballot and hold office for three years, with one being replaced each year. Retiring elected members shall not normally be eligible for re-election for at least three years. Additional members may be co-opted to the Executive Committee.

10. The Executive Committee shall conduct the ordinary and financial business of the Society, will select the scientific communications for meetings, and will fix the time and place of each meeting of the Society.

Meetings

11. The Society shall normally meet once a year. The scientific business shall be short papers followed by discussion and, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, invited speakers, poster presentations or other activities which may supplement these.

12. The scientific meetings may be attended by anyone with an interest in orthopaedic research.

13. Communications should present original work or authoritative reviews of research related to orthopaedics and allied specialties. Titles, together with a brief abstract concerning the communication to be given, in the format specified by the Executive Committee, shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee by the notified date before the meeting.

14. An Annual General Meeting of members shall be held at some time during each annual meeting of the Society to consider arrangements for the following meetings and matters of business raised by the Executive Committee or Ordinary or Senior Members. The election of the Officers and Executive Committee shall take place and the Annual Report of the Honorary Treasurer and other officers shall be received. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting shall be restricted to Ordinary Members and Senior Members. A separate record of those attending Annual General Meetings shall be kept and recorded in the minutes.

15. The Society may also arrange symposia on subjects of scientific interest to orthopaedics that shall be open to anyone interested to attend. It may also award bursaries for the purposes of research or dissemination of research results.

Finance

16. The Annual Subscription and method of payment shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.

17. Members shall pay the Annual subscription until retirement from practice. Thereafter they shall not pay the Annual subscription, but must still pay registration fees for meetings which they attend. Honorary Members must also pay registration fees for meetings.

18. Any member who does not pay his or her subscription within one year, despite due notice, shall cease to be a Member.

19. The Honorary Treasurer will present a detailed financial statement at each Annual General Meeting.

20. The Society will retain any surplus monies for the purposes of education and/or research, applicable to orthopaedics and allied specialties. If grants are made for research projects, they must be awarded after formal application and peer – review and interim and final reports must be presented to the Society.

Amendments to the Rules of the Society

21. No change in the Constitution or Rules of the Society shall be made, except at an Annual General Meeting, (or an Extraordinary General Meeting) after due notice in writing of at least twenty-eight days. Changes must have the support of a two-thirds majority of the members present.

The President's Prize

22. The President, at the end of each year of office, may recommend for an award a person giving an oral or poster presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

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