

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE SANDS COX SOCIETY

As adopted at the AGM on 20th November 2010.

1. The Society shall be called The Sands Cox Society.
2. The objects of the Society are
 - a. to promote the interests of members by holding meetings, publishing a Journal and by such other activities as may be judged appropriate;
 - b. to advise on the education of medical and dental students;
 - c. to assist in the funding of selected medical and dental elective projects.
3. Membership shall be open to any person who has qualified in or studied Medicine or Dentistry at the University of Birmingham. Upon application to the Executive Committee, anyone else who has, or has had, substantial involvement with the teaching of Medicine or Dentistry may be invited to become a member. The Executive Committee has discretionary power to refuse membership under this clause.
4. The annual subscription to the Society shall be decided by the Executive Committee. Any Member whose subscription is unpaid on October 31st in any year shall normally cease to be a Member until the subscription has been paid.
5. The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely toward the promotion of the objects of the Society.
6. The Strategic running of the Society shall be undertaken by an Executive Committee.
7. The implementation of the Society's strategy may be undertaken by a paid, part-time Executive Secretary appointed by the Executive Committee and supervised by the Treasurer or the Chair of the Executive Committee. The Executive Secretary will not normally be a doctor or dentist.
8. At the AGM, the Society will elect a President and a Vice-President for the forth-coming year, a Treasurer (who may be re-elected indefinitely) and six members of the Society (who may be re-elected for a maximum of 3 years before standing down for at least a year), all to serve on the Executive Committee. Normally, the Vice-President will be proposed as President for the following year. So far as is practical, two of the six ordinary members will be replaced each year.
9. Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President and Treasurer must be received by the Executive Secretary, in writing, at the latest six weeks before the date of the AGM and shall bear the signature of two members who shall confirm that the person proposed is willing to serve if elected. Proposals for ordinary members may be received at the AGM provided that the person proposed is present or has provided a signed declaration of willingness to serve if elected.
10. The immediate Past President, the Executive Secretary and the Medical and Dental Editors of Aesculapius are ex-officio on the Executive Committee. The Committee elects its own Chair, appoints the Medical and Dental Editors, appoints the Auditor, identifies Trustees and may co-opt members.
11. A quorum will consist of one of the three presidents, the Treasurer or the previously elected Chair and two members.
12. The Committee shall have control of the finances of the Society and all administrative powers as may be necessary to carry out properly the objects of the Society in accordance with these rules.
13. Where an officer of the Society or a member of the Executive Committee becomes unavailable to continue serving other than at the time of an AGM, the Executive Committee shall appoint one of its members or co-opt a Society member to fulfill the role until the next AGM.
14. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep accounts of the Society and produce an annual statement of accounts and balance sheet up to the end of each financial year of the Society, which report shall be circulated amongst the members present at the AGM.
15. The Society shall hold an AGM in every calendar year at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee and shall give notice of such meeting to each member of the Society, provided that accidental omission or non-receipt of such notice by any individual shall not invalidate any resolution passed at any meeting.
16. Six members of the Society in addition to a quorum of the Executive Committee present at any AGM of the Society shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted at any AGM unless a quorum is present.
17. No rule of the Society shall be repealed or altered and no new rules shall be made save by a two thirds majority of members present at an AGM. Written notice of the intention to propose any change shall be sent to the Executive Secretary not later than the end of April preceding the date of the AGM. The Executive Committee will liaise with the proposer to review the proposal and shall send notice of the agreed proposal to every member at their address in the Society's register at least fourteen days before the AGM.
18. The Executive Committee is empowered to make, repeal and amend such bylaws as it may from time to time consider necessary for the well-being of the Society, which bylaw repeals or amendments shall have effect until otherwise determined by the Committee or an AGM.
19. Every member shall be bound by and submit to the rules and bylaws of the Society.