

## Constitutional change

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Due to the demands of increasing financial regulation the number of Trustees of the Society has become a matter of concern, and an addition burden on the management of the Society. At the present all voting members of the Executive committee (18) are trustees. This is significantly larger than many other similar charities.

The role of the trustees is to be responsible to the Charity Commissioners for the management of the Society. At the present time this is, in practice, done by the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Executive Committee agree the report to the Charity Commissioners, written by the Secretary. This will continue to be the case under the proposed new arrangements.

The proposed changes will not change practice nor, in practice, increase the powers of the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. This change requires a replacement in Article IV(b)

**Replace:** 'Voting members of the Executive Committee shall be considered Trustees of the Society'

**with** 'The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be considered Trustees of the Society'

In dealing with the recent demands of the Society's bankers, it became clear than the Constitution does not specific who are *voting* members of the Executive Committee (only that honorary Vice-Presidents are not voting members). In order to make this clear, I also proposed that we insert an additional clause:

'The Officers, Elected members and Co-opted members of the Executive Committee shall be its voting members.'

For ease of reading, I propose that we renumber Article IV(j) to Article IV(k) and insert this new clause as Article IV(j)

In summary, I propose three changes to the constitution:

- (i) **Replace:** 'Voting members of the Executive Committee shall be considered Trustees of the Society'  
**with** 'The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be considered Trustees of the Society'
- (ii) **Renumber** Article IV(j) to Article IV(k)
- (iii) **Insert:** 'Article IV(j) The Officers, elected members and co-opted members of the Society shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.'

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