

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN\***

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

The name of the Society shall be 'The Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain'.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Purpose of the Society**

- (a) To promote for the public benefit the advancement and teaching of Philosophy of Education. In furtherance of this objective but not further or otherwise the Society shall have the following powers:
  - (b) (i) To arrange and provide for meetings and conferences on subjects of general and special interest to Philosophy of Education
  - (ii) To keep a register of members, their qualifications and appointments
  - (iii) To provide for the publication of the Journal of Philosophy of Education.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Membership**

- (a) There shall be two categories of members of the Society: general members and honorary members.
- (b) General membership is by application and is open to all. Applicants for membership must submit a form of application to the Executive Committee. Applicants must either be nominated by a member of the Society or submit an academic reference with their application. The Executive Committee has the right to refuse membership to any applicant.
- (c) Honorary membership is by invitation from the Executive Committee. Honorary members are exempt from the annual subscription and their membership is for a fixed term of three years. After their three-year term honorary members may apply for general membership but are not eligible for a further term of honorary membership.
- (d) The Executive Committee has the right to terminate the membership of any member.

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\* Revised January 1975, April 1982, March 1983, April 1986, April 1990, April 1991, April 2005, March 2008, April 2011, April 2018, and April 2019.

## ARTICLE IV

### Management of the Society's business

- (a) There shall be eight officers of the Society:

President  
Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Conference Programme Chair  
Conference Organiser  
Editor of the Journal of Philosophy of Education  
There shall also be an honorary title of Vice-President.

- (b) The management of the Society's business shall be in the hands of an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

President  
Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Conference Programme Chair  
Conference Organiser  
Editor of the Journal of Philosophy of Education  
and six members of the Society

The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be considered Trustees of the Society.

- (c) The President shall be elected for life or until that officer wishes to resign. The Chair shall be elected for a three-year period, one year in advance of taking up office, and shall normally be ineligible for immediate re-election. The office of Vice-Chair shall be held for one year by the Chair-elect, then for two years by the retiring Chair. The Secretary, Treasurer, Conference Programme Chair and Conference Organiser shall be elected for a minimum period of three years and shall be eligible for re-election after each three-year period of office. All such elections shall be held at the Annual General Meeting.<sup>†</sup>
- (d) The six members of the Society shall be elected as members of the Committee for a term of three years. The retiring members shall not be eligible for re-election for two years.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than six members of the Society. Any member so co-opted shall hold office only until the next Annual

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<sup>†</sup> The year referred to in these rules is to be taken as extending from one Annual General Meeting to the next, and not necessarily as being exactly 12 months, but so that no more than 15 months shall elapse between each Annual General Meeting.

- General Meeting but shall then be eligible for further co-option.
- (f) Appointment of the Editorial Board and the Editor of the Journal of Philosophy of Education:
- (i) The Executive Committee will appoint all members of the Editorial Board.
  - (ii) The office of Editor of the Journal of Philosophy of Education will be filled by appointment rather than election. The Editor will be appointed by the Executive Committee, taking into account the views of the membership and the Editorial Board.
  - (iii) The Editor's term of office will be five years.
  - (iv) The Editor is eligible for immediate re-appointment at the end of his/her first five year term, subject to review by the Executive Committee, but may not serve for more than two terms.
- (g) The retiring President or Chair shall be eligible for election at an Annual General Meeting to the honorary title of Vice-President. A Vice-President shall have the right to attend meetings of the Executive Committee as a non-voting member. He or she shall not thereby be excluded from candidacy for election or co-option to the Committee as a member of the Society.
- (h) The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year and at such other times as the Committee shall determine to arrange meetings of the Society, admit new members, administer the finances of the Society and deal with all other matters as concern the implementation of the purpose of the Society.
- (j) The Officers, elected members and co-opted members of the Society shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.
- (k) At all meetings of the Executive Committee six voting members, of whom at least two shall be officers, shall form a quorum.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Subscription**

- (a) Every general member shall pay to the Treasurer an annual subscription approved by the Society at an Annual General Meeting and which shall be due on the first day of January in each year. Such entrance fee and subscription shall be deemed to be debt due to the Treasurer of the Society for the time being.
- (b) Any general member of the Society who is pursuing a course of study full-time, or who is in retirement, or who is unemployed, and in all these or other circumstances is not on a full professional salary, or salary commensurate with a full UK salary, shall be entitled to apply for a reduced subscription determined by the Society. Any such reduction for any member who is pursuing a course of study full-time, shall cover that period of study only, and shall in any case be for not more than three years.
- (c) If general members fail to pay their subscriptions within one month after they have become due, the Treasurer may send them notice in writing to their addresses recorded in the register of the Society calling upon them to pay the same within fourteen or more days within that officer's discretion. If there are members who so fail to pay their

subscriptions, the committee shall be entitled to terminate their membership without further notice.

- (d) General members are obliged to contribute such further sums as shall be necessary to indemnify the officers in pursuit of their proper acts.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **General Meetings**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in each year upon a date and at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee.
- (b) The business of such meetings shall be the election of the officers, committee and auditors, the passing of accounts and such other business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by that officer to the members.
- (c) Any member desirous of having any resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not less than three weeks before the date of such meeting.
- (d) The Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting and shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing of one fifth of the members of the Society for the time being or any twenty members whichever be the less, stating the purpose for which the meeting is required.
- (e) The Secretary shall at least fourteen days before any Annual General Meeting, and at least seven days before a Special General Meeting, send to every member at his or her address as recorded in the Society's Register a notice of the meeting, stating the time when and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.
- (f) The business at a General Meeting shall be limited to that provided by these rules and those further matters set out in the notice convening the meeting.
- (g) The quorum at any General Meeting shall be twenty.

## **ARTICLE VII**

- (a) The accounts shall be independently reviewed as required by the authority having charitable jurisdiction (i.e. Charity Commission) and made available to the membership seven days before the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Independently reviewed and complete accounts of the financial affairs of the Society shall be delivered to every member with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

Alterations to this constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Society at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least 14 days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed, provided that no alteration to Article X (Dissolution) or this article shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Society to cease to be a charity at law.

## **ARTICLE IX**

- (a) The officers of the Executive Committee, namely the President, Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Conference Programme Chair, Conference Organiser and Editor of the Journal of Philosophy of Education, for the time being are authorised on behalf of the Society's members to enter into contracts relating to the management of the Society and its affairs including the publication of its Journal.
- (b) Such parties contracting expressly, or impliedly by, on behalf of the Society shall be indemnified out of the Society's funds and by the members for the time being against any liability loss expense action or damages reasonably incurred by virtue of entering into such a contract.

## **ARTICLE X**

The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days' notice shall have been given to the members. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Society, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Society as the Society may with the approval of the Charity Commissioners or their authority having charitable jurisdiction determine.

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