

# BRITISH CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be called 'The British Classification Society'.
2. The objects of the Society are the promotion of interchange of views and co-operation between those interested in the principles and practice of classification in as wide a range of applications as possible.
3. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee which, subject to this Constitution, shall have power to take such steps and to apply the funds of the Society in such a manner as is deemed expedient for the promotion of its objects.
4. The Committee of the Society shall consist of a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and 9 other members, of whom one-third shall retire annually in rotation, and may not be re-elected until the expiration of one year from the date of retirement. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually and be eligible for re-election, with the proviso that they shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years.
5. Retiring Officers shall become ex officio members of the Committee for a period of one year after retirement and shall be supernumerary to the members annually elected and they shall be considered eligible for election to the Committee at the end of this period of one year.
6. Any two members of the Society may nominate a member to fill a vacancy on the Committee. If more members are nominated than there are vacancies, the election shall be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. If insufficient nominations are received the Committee may appoint members to fill the vacancies.

7. Any vacancies occurring among the ordinary members of the Committee otherwise than by regular retirement may be filled by the Committee.
8. The Committee may at any time co-opt additional members for special purposes.
9. Membership of the Society shall be open to all on payment of the appropriate annual subscription, subject to the approval of the Committee.
10. The Committee shall have the power to deprive any individual of membership if it is deemed necessary in the interest of the Society.
11. The meetings of the Society shall be convened by notices posted to every member, setting forth, as far as is practicable, the business to be transacted thereat.
12. The financial year of the Society shall be from 1 April to 31 March. All monies shall be received by the Treasurer, whose accounts and balance sheet shall be audited by two members or other persons appointed by the Committee, submitted to the next following Annual General Meeting and circulated to all members of the Society.
13. The annual subscription shall be at such a rate as shall be determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting and shall become due on 1 June.
14. Any member whose subscription is one year in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Society.
15. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in each financial year. At least four weeks' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given.
16. The Officers shall present their reports at the Annual General Meeting.

17. The Constitution of the Society shall not be altered save by the agreement of at least two-thirds of those voting at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. No motion to alter the Constitution shall be deemed in order unless the proposed alteration shall have been <sup>received</sup> furnished, at least ~~one month~~ <sup>four weeks</sup> six before the Annual General Meeting, in writing to the Secretary who shall set out the same at length among the business to be transacted at the Meeting. No alteration shall be made to this Constitution which would cause the Society to cease to be a Charity at law.
18. No member shall be entitled to be paid or to receive any sum out of the funds of the Society otherwise than by way of reimbursement of expenses properly incurred by the member.
- 7 19. In the event of the Society's being dissolved, the surplus funds remaining after the satisfaction of debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among the members, but shall be paid, or transferred, to some other institution or institutions, having objects similar to the Society and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members. Such institution or institutions shall be determined by the members of the Society at, or before the time of dissolution and if effect cannot be given to such provision, the surplus funds shall be devoted to some charitable object or objects.