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# THE CHARTERS AND BYE-LAWS

OF

## THE LINNEAN SOCIETY OF LONDON

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# 1802 CHARTER

OF

## THE LINNEAN SOCIETY OF LONDON

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**GEORGE THE THIRD** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith TO ALL TO WHOM these presents shall come Greeting

WHEREAS several of our loving Subjects are desirous of forming a Society for the Cultivation of the Science of Natural History in all its branches and more especially of the Natural History of Great Britain and Ireland and having subscribed considerable Sums of money for that purpose have humbly besought us to grant unto them and such other persons as shall be approved and elected as hereinafter is mentioned Our Royal Charter of Incorporation for the purposes aforesaid; KNOW YE, that We being desirous to promote every Kind of Improvement in the Arts and Sciences have of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere motion given and granted And We do hereby give and grant that Our Right Trusty and Right Wellbeloved Cousin and Counsellor George Earl of Dartmouth Our Trusty and Wellbeloved James Edward Smith Doctor of Physic Thomas Marsham Esquire Alexander McLeay Esquire Jonas Dryander Esquire The Reverend Samuel Goodenough Doctor of Laws Aylmer Bourke Lambert Esquire Richard Anthony Salisbury Esquire William George Maton Doctor of Physic Thomas Furlly Forster Esquire Charles Hatchett Esquire William Lewis Esquire The Reverend Thomas Rackett Clerk John Symmons Esquire and Thomas Young Doctor of Physic and such others as shall from time to time be appointed and elected in the manner hereinafter directed and their Successors be and shall for ever hereafter

continue and be by virtue of these presents one Body politic and Corporate by the Name of “The Linnean Society of London”; and them and their Successors for the Purposes aforesaid WE do hereby constitute and declare to be one Body politic and Corporate and by the same Name to have perpetual succession and for ever hereafter to be persons able and capable in the Law and have power to purchase receive and possess any Goods and Chattels whatsoever And (notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain) to purchase hold and enjoy to them and their Successors any Land Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever not exceeding at the time or times of purchasing such Lands Tenements and Hereditaments respectively the yearly value at a rack Rent of One thousand pounds in the whole without incurring the penalties or forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain or any of them; and by the name aforesaid to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded answer and be answered unto defend and be defended in all Courts and Places whatsoever of us our Heirs and Successors in all Actions Suits Causes and Things whatsoever and to act and do in all things relating to the said Corporation in as ample manner and form as any other our Liege Subjects being persons able and capable in the Law or any other Body politic or Corporate in our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland may or can act or do; and also to have and to use a Common Seal and the same to change and alter from time to time as they shall think fit And We do hereby declare and grant that there shall be an indefinite Number of Fellows of the said Society; and that they the said George Earl of Dartmouth James Edward Smith Thomas Marsham Alexander McLeay Jonas Dryander Samuel Goodenough Aylmer Bourke Lambert Richard Anthony Salisbury William George Maton Thomas Furly Forster Charles Hatchett William Lewis Thomas Rackett John Symmons and Thomas Young shall be the first Fellows of the said Society; and that any five or more of them

all having been first duly summoned to attend the meetings of the said Fellows shall and may on or before the Twenty-fourth day of May next ensuing the date of these presents under their respective Hands' writing appoint such other persons to be Fellows Honorary Members Foreign Members and Associates of the said Society as they may respectively think fit And We do further declare and grant that for the better rule and government of the said Society and for the better direction management and execution of the Business and Concerns thereof there shall be henceforth for ever a Council President Treasurer and Secretary of the said Society to be elected in manner hereinafter mentioned; and that such Council shall consist of fifteen Members to be elected from among the Fellows as hereinafter directed whereof any five shall be a quorum: And We do hereby nominate and appoint the said George Earl of Dartmouth James Edward Smith Thomas Marsham Alexander McLeay Jonas Dryander Samuel Goodenough Aylmer Bourke Lambert Richard Anthony Salisbury William George Maton Thomas Furdy Forster Charles Hatchett William Lewis Thomas Rackett John Symmons and Thomas Young to be the first Council; the said James Edward Smith to be the first President; the said Thomas Marsham to be the first Treasurer; and the said Alexander McLeay to be the first Secretary to the said Society: all and each of the aforesaid Officers and Counsellors to continue in such their respective offices until the Twenty-fourth day of May One thousand eight hundred and three; and that the said James Edward Smith shall have power to appoint such four persons from and amongst the Members of the said Council to be Vice-Presidents of the said Society as he shall think fit until some other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms in the manner hereinafter mentioned And it is Our further will and pleasure that the Fellows of the said Society or any twenty-one or more of them shall and may on the

Twenty-fourth day of May One thousand eight hundred and three and also shall and may on the Twenty-fourth day of May in every succeeding year unless the same shall happen to be on a Sunday and then on the day following assemble together at the then last or other usual place of meeting of the said Society and proceed by method of Ballot to put out and amove any five of the Members who shall have composed the Council of the preceding year; and shall and may in like manner by method of Ballot elect five other discreet persons from amongst the Fellows of the said Society to supply the places and offices of such five as may have been so put out and amoved; It being our Royal Will and pleasure that one-third of the Members of the said Council and no more shall be annually changed and removed by the Fellows of the said Society: And also that they the said Fellows or any twenty-one or more of them shall and may at the Time and Place and in Manner aforesaid by method of Ballot elect from among the Members of the said Council when formed and elected in manner aforesaid three fit and proper persons one of such persons to be President another of such persons to be Treasurer and the other of such persons to be Secretary of the said Society for the Year ensuing; and also in like manner shall and may in case of the death of any of the Members of the Council or of the President Treasurer or Secretary for the time being within the space of three months next after such death or deaths in like manner elect other discreet Persons being Fellows of the said Society to supply the Places and Offices of such Members of the said Council or of the President Treasurer or Secretary so dying: And also shall and may appoint such other Persons to be Officers of the said Society for the year ensuing as they may think proper and necessary for the transacting and managing the Business thereof And it is our further Will and Pleasure that so soon after the elections aforesaid as conveniently may be the person who shall at any time hereafter

be elected to be President of the said Society in manner aforesaid may and shall nominate and appoint four Persons being Members of the said Council to be Vice-Presidents of the said Society for the year ensuing And We do further declare and grant that from and after the said Twenty-fourth day of May now next ensuing the Fellows of the said Society or any eleven or more of them shall and may have power from time to time at the general meetings of the said Society to be held at the usual place of meeting of the said Society or at such other place as shall have been in that behalf appointed by and with the consent of the said Society as hereinafter mentioned to elect such Persons to be Fellows Honorary Members Foreign Members and Associates of the said Society and all Fellows Honorary Members Foreign Members and Associates to remove from the said Society as they shall think fit: And that the Council hereby appointed and the Council of the said Society for the time being or any five or more of them all the Members thereof having been first duly summoned to attend the meetings thereof shall and may have power according to the best of their judgement and discretion to make and establish such Bye-Laws as they shall deem useful and necessary for the regulation of the said Society and of the Estate Goods and Business thereof; and for fixing and determining the times and places of meeting of the said Society and also the times place and manner of electing appointing and removing all Fellows Honorary Members Foreign Members and Associates of the said Society and all such subordinate Officers Attendants and Servants as shall be deemed necessary or useful for the said Society; and also for filling up from time to time any vacancies which may happen by death removal or otherwise in any of the offices or appointments constituted or established for the execution of the Business and Concerns of the said Society; and for regulating and ascertaining the qualifications of persons to

become Fellows Honorary Members Foreign Members and Associates of the said Society respectively and also the Sum and Sums of money to be paid by them respectively whether upon admission or otherwise towards carrying on the Purposes of the said Society; and such Bye-Laws from time to time to vary alter or revoke and make such new and other Bye-Laws as they shall think most useful and expedient so that the same be not repugnant to these Presents or to the laws of this our Realm: Provided that no Bye-Law hereafter to be made or alteration or repeal of any Bye-Law which shall hereafter have been established by the said Council hereby appointed or by the Council for the time being of the said Society shall be considered to have passed and be binding on the said Society until such Bye-Law or such alteration or repeal of any Bye-Law shall have been hung up in the Common Meeting-Room of the said Society and been read by the President or by any one of the Vice-Presidents for the time being at Two successive general meetings of the said Society and until the same shall have been confirmed by Ballot by the Fellows at large of the said Society; such Ballot to take place at the ensuing meeting next after such two successive general meetings of the said Society eleven at least of the Fellows of the said Society being present; and provided that no such Bye-Law or alteration or repeal of any Bye-Law shall be deemed or taken to pass in the affirmative unless it shall appear upon such Ballot that two-thirds of the Fellows present at such meeting shall have voted for the same WITNESS His Majesty at Westminster the Twenty-sixth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and two

**WILMOT**



# 1904 ADDITIONAL CHARTER

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**EDWARD THE SEVENTH** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Whereas Our Royal predecessor King George the Third late King of England by his Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-sixth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and two did give and grant that George Earl of Dartmouth, James Edward Smith, Thomas Marsham, Alexander McLeay, Jonas Dryander, The Reverend Samuel Goodenough, Aylmer Bourke Lambert, Richard Anthony Salisbury, William George Maton, Thomas Furlly Forster, Charles Hatchett, William Lewis, The Reverend Thomas Rackett, John Symmons and Thomas Young and such others as should from time to time be appointed and elected in the manner thereafter directed and their successors be and should for ever thereafter continue and be one Body politic and Corporate by the name of “The Linnean Society of London” and them and their successors for the purposes aforesaid did thereby constitute and declare to be one Body politic and Corporate and by the same name to have perpetual succession with divers favours liberties and privileges in the same Letters Patent mentioned And Our Royal predecessor did thereby also grant and declare that there should be an indefinite number of Fellows of the said Society and that for the better direction management and execution of the business and concerns thereof there should be thenceforth for ever a Council President Treasurer and Secretary of the said Society and that such Council should consist of fifteen Members to be elected from among the Fellows as the said Letters Patent directed and Our Royal predecessor did thereby further declare that the Fellows of the said

Society or any twenty-one or more of them should on the Twenty-fourth day of May in every year unless the same should happen to be on a Sunday and then on the day following assemble together and proceed by Ballot to put out and amove any five of the Members who should have composed the Council of the preceding year and should in like manner by Ballot elect five other discreet persons from among the Fellows to supply the places of those put out or amoved and that one-third of the Members of the Council and no more should be annually changed and also that the said Fellows or any twenty-one or more of them should at the time and place and in the manner aforesaid by Ballot elect from among the Members of the said Council three fit and proper persons one of such persons to be President another to be Treasurer and the other to be Secretary of the said Society for the year ensuing And also in like manner in case of the death of any of the Members of the Council or of the President Treasurer or Secretary within three months next after such death or deaths supply the place or the places of the Members of the Council, President, Treasurer or Secretary so dying And Our Royal predecessor did thereby further grant and declare that the Fellows of the said Society or any eleven or more of them should have power from time to time at the General Meetings of the Society to elect such persons to be Fellows, Honorary Members, Foreign Members and Associates of the said Society and all of the same to remove from the said Society as they should think fit.

And whereas it has been represented to Us that it would be expedient and would conduce to the better and more convenient management of the concerns of the said Society if power were given to limit by Bye-Laws the number of Fellows thereof and to determine the number of the Fellows to be annually elected and if power were given to the Council of the said Society to appoint more than one Secretary and if the number of Fellows constituting the Council were increased and the time for filling vacancies caused by the death of Members of the Council or of a President, Treasurer

or Secretary were extended and the number of the Members of the Council to be removed in each year were reduced to one-fourth of the Members of the Council And whereas it has also been represented to Us that it would increase the usefulness of the Society if women could be elected Fellows thereof and that it is apprehended by the Society that women are not now eligible to be so elected And whereas the said Society have by their petition humbly besought Us to grant them Our Royal Charter for carrying into effect the above-mentioned objects in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now know ye that We taking the premises into Our Royal consideration do of Our special grace for Ourselves Our Heirs and Successors by way of addition to the hereinbefore recited Charter grant and declare That the number of the Fellows of The Linnean Society of London shall be such as may be defined by Bye-Laws made and established from time to time as hereinafter declared:

And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that for the better rule and government of the said Society and for the better direction, management and execution of the business and concerns thereof there shall be henceforth for ever a Council, President, Treasurer and at least one Secretary of the said Society to be elected in manner by the said Charter provided and that such Council shall consist of twenty Members to be elected from among the Fellows as by the said Charter directed whereof any five shall be a quorum:

And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that it is Our will and pleasure that the Fellows of the said Society or any twenty-one or more of them shall and may on the Twenty-fourth day of May in every year succeeding the year One thousand nine hundred and three unless the same day shall happen to be a Sunday or Bank Holiday and then on the day following or such other day within the same week as the President shall fix assemble together at the then last or other usual place of meeting of the said Society and proceed by method

of Ballot to determine which five of the Members who shall have composed the Council of the preceding year shall retire and shall and may in like manner by method of Ballot elect five other discreet persons amongst the Fellows of the said Society to supply the places and offices of such five retiring Members it being Our Royal will and pleasure that one-fourth of the Members of the said Council and no more shall annually retire and also that they the said Fellows or any twenty-one or more of them shall and may at the time and place and in manner aforesaid by method of Ballot elect from among the Members of the said Council when formed and elected in manner aforesaid two or more fit and proper persons one of such persons to be President and the other of such persons to be Treasurer and in like manner and method shall elect from among the Members of the Council one or more fit and proper person or persons to be Secretary or Secretaries of the said Society for the year ensuing. And also in like manner shall and may in case of the death of any Members of the Council or of the President, Treasurer or any Secretary for the time being within the space of six months next after such death or deaths in like manner elect other discreet persons being Fellows of the said Society to supply the places and offices of such Members of the said Council or of the President, Treasurer or any Secretary so dying:

And We do further grant and declare that the Fellows of the said Society or any twenty-one or more of them when so assembled together as aforesaid on the day hereby appointed in the year One thousand nine hundred and four shall and may proceed by method of Ballot to elect five discreet persons from among the Fellows of the Society as additional Members of the Council so as to increase the number of the Fellows constituting the said Council to twenty And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that the Fellows of the said Society or any eleven or more of them shall and may have power from time to time at the General Meetings of the said Society to be held at the usual place

of meeting of the said Society or at such other place as shall have been in that behalf appointed by and with the consent of the said Society as in the said recited Charter mentioned to elect such persons without distinction of sex to be Fellows, Honorary Members, Foreign Members and Associates of the said Society and all Fellows, Honorary Members, Foreign Members and Associates to remove from the said Society as they shall think fit and every such election shall have the same effect as if made in pursuance of the said hereinbefore recited Charter:

And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that the Council of the said Society for the time being or any five or more of them all the Members thereof having been first duly summoned to attend the Meetings thereof shall and may have power according to the best of their judgment and discretion but subject to the provisions relating to Bye-Laws and the passing and the repeal thereof in the said recited Charter contained to make and establish such Bye-Laws as they shall deem useful and necessary for defining the maximum number of Fellows of the Society and determining the number of Fellows to be annually elected as well as for the purposes mentioned in the said recited Charter and subject as aforesaid such Bye-Laws from time to time to vary, alter or revoke

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the Eighth day of April in the fourth year of Our reign

BY WARRANT UNDER THE KING'S SIGN MANUAL

**MUIR MACKENZIE**



# 2005

## SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER

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**ELIZABETH THE SECOND** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!**

**WHEREAS** His Majesty King George the Third by Royal Charter (hereinafter referred to as ‘the original Charter’) dated the Twenty-sixth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and two constituted a Body politic and Corporate by the name of “The Linnean Society of London” (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Society’) with perpetual succession and a Common Seal:

**WHEREAS** His Majesty King Edward the Seventh by Supplemental Charter (hereinafter referred to as ‘the 1904 Additional Charter’) dated the Eighth day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and four made various grants and declarations by way of addition to the original Charter:

**AND WHEREAS** the Society has by a humble Petition prayed that We should be graciously pleased to grant to it a further Supplemental Charter:

**NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE** that We having taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and declared and by these Presents do for Us,

Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare as follows:

1. The original Charter shall be read as if:

- (a) “(notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain)” and “not exceeding at the time or times of purchasing such Lands Tenements and Hereditaments respectively the yearly value at a rack Rent of One thousand pounds in the whole without incurring the penalties or forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain or any of them” had been deleted;
- (b) immediately before “Our Right Trusty and Right Wellbeloved Cousin and Counsellor” there were inserted “1.”;
- (c) immediately before “And We do hereby declare and grant that there shall be an indefinite Number of Fellows” there were inserted “2.”;
- (d) immediately before “And We do further declare and grant that for the better rule and government” there were inserted “3.”;
- (e) immediately before “And We do hereby nominate and appoint” there were inserted “4.”;
- (f) immediately before “And it is Our further will and pleasure that the Fellows” there were inserted “5.”;
- (g) immediately before “And We do further declare and grant that from and after the said Twenty-fourth day of May” there were inserted “6.”; and
- (h) each of the numbers inserted by paragraphs (b) to (g) of this Article were the beginning of a new line;

and the original Charter shall henceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly.

2. The 1904 Additional Charter shall be read as if:

- (a) immediately before “the number of the Fellows of The Linnean Society of London” there were inserted “1.”;



- (b) immediately before “And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that for the better rule and government of the said Society” there were inserted “2.”;
- (c) immediately before “And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that it is Our will and pleasure that the Fellows” there were inserted “3.”;
- (d) immediately before “And We do further grant and declare that the Fellows of the said Society or any twenty-one or more of them” there were inserted “4.”;
- (e) immediately before “And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that the Fellows of the said Society or any eleven or more of them” there were inserted “5.”;
- (f) immediately before “And We do further grant and declare by way of addition to the said recited Charter that the Council of the said Society for the time being” there were inserted “6.”; and
- (g) each of the numbers inserted by paragraphs (a) to (f) of this Article were the beginning of a new line;

and the 1904 Additional Charter shall henceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly.

3. The Council of the Society may by a resolution in that behalf passed at any meeting of such Council by not less than two-thirds of the members of such Council present and voting (being an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of such Council entitled to vote at meetings thereof) and confirmed at a general meeting of members of the Society held not less than one month nor more than four months afterwards by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereat revoke, amend or add to the original Charter, the

1904 Additional Charter or this Our Supplemental Charter and any such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that the original Charter, the 1904 Additional Charter, and this Our Supplemental Charter as the case may be shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. Provided that no such revocation, amendment or addition shall be made which shall cause the Society to cease to be a charity in law. This provision shall apply to the original Charter, the 1904 Additional Charter and this Our Supplemental Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

**I**N WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

**W**ITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the Fourteenth day of July in the fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

**BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL**

**ALLAN**

# BYE-LAWS

OF

## THE LINNEAN SOCIETY OF LONDON

As confirmed at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society held on the 24th May 2016

### SECTION 1

#### Election and Admission of Fellows

- 1.1 The Method of Election shall be by Ballot and the limit of the number of persons to be elected shall be determined from time to time by Council.
- 1.2 Every Candidate for Election as a Fellow shall be proposed and recommended by at least one Fellow who shall sign and cause to be delivered to the Executive Secretary a completed Certificate of Recommendation giving the full name, position, profession, qualifications, date of birth and usual place of residence of the candidate; and the proposal shall be based upon **(a)** personal acquaintance with the Candidate or **(b)** knowledge of the Candidate's work or **(c)** the Candidate's suitability shall be determined by the Officers of the Society.
- 1.3 No person shall be proposed as a Fellow who has not attained the age of eighteen years.
- 1.4 Ballots for the Election of Fellows shall be held at one or more Meetings of the Society in each Calendar Year. The dates of such Ballots shall be fixed by the Council and notice shall be given to every Fellow in writing or via the Society's website.
- 1.5 The full names, qualifications and/or interests of each Candidate for Election as a Fellow shall appear on a list for consideration by Council and subsequently be made available for inspection in the Rooms of the Society, or in such other way as the Council shall decide, prior to the Meeting at which the Election shall take place. Each Certificate of Recommendation shall be made available for inspection by Fellows up to the commencement of the Meeting.
- 1.6 No person shall be declared to be elected a Fellow who has not received the votes of two-thirds of the number of Fellows and other eligible Members voting (see **9.10**).

- 1.7 Every person elected a Fellow shall receive immediate notice of election and the Bye-Laws, together with other papers including notice of the Annual Contribution then due (see **Section 2**).
- 1.8 No person elected a Fellow of the Society shall be entitled to exercise any privilege as such, including the use of the initials F.L.S., nor be admitted nor entered in the listing of members of the Society until the Contribution for the current year shall have been paid; and unless the Contribution for the current year is paid within two calendar months or within such further time as the Council may grant, the election of such a Fellow shall be void; and no such person shall have liberty to vote at any election or Meeting of the Society before being admitted as directed in **1.10**.
- 1.9 Fellows whose Contributions to the Society shall have been made by the time of publication of the Society's Newsletter shall receive one copy of that issue. In addition, they shall be entitled to receive electronically all the Society's Journals in accordance with the charges listed in **Appendix II.1**. Fellows shall continue to receive these on publication until they signify a wish to the contrary or fall into arrears with payments. A Fellow shall not be entitled to receive, gratis, any copy of the Society's publications after the time of publication, unless the Council shall otherwise direct.
- 1.10 All persons elected Fellows of the Society shall appear personally for Admission within the space of six months from the day of election, unless they indicate an inability to do so and acknowledge an intention to comply at a mutually convenient date in the future. On attendance newly elected Fellows shall, before Admission, subscribe an Obligation in the following words: "We who have hereunto subscribed, do hereby promise, each for himself, that we will endeavour to promote the Good of The Linnean Society of London, and to pursue the Ends for which the same was instituted; that we will be present at the meetings of the Society, as often as conveniently we can, especially at the Anniversary Elections, and upon extraordinary Occasions; and that we will observe the Statutes, ByeLaws, and Orders of the said Society. Provided that, whensoever any of us shall signify to the President, under our Hands, that we desire to withdraw from the Society, we shall be free from this Obligation for the future", and if any person refuse to subscribe the said Obligation the election of that person shall be void. Each Fellow, having then signed the Roll and Charter Book (see **16.6**) shall be taken by the hand by the President with the words, "A.B., By the Authority and in the Name of The Linnean Society of London, I admit you a Fellow thereof."
- 1.11 Fellows shall be deemed to belong to the Society until they have either signified in writing a wish to withdraw from Fellowship or have ceased to be Fellows under **2.4** or **Section 8**.

## SECTION 2

### Payments to be made by the Fellows

- 2.1 Fellows shall, on receipt of a notice of election, pay the first Annual Contribution (see **Appendix I.2**) and shall pay subsequent Annual Contributions in advance, on or before each successive 24th day of May as long as they shall continue to be Fellows; provided, however, that Fellows elected between the 1st day of January and the 24th day of May in any year shall not be liable for a second Annual Contribution until 24th day of May in the year following that in which they were elected.
- 2.2 Fellows in retirement, and of 40 years' standing, may apply to pay a reduced Annual Contribution. They shall be entitled to receive the Society's Journals in accordance with **Appendix II**.
- 2.3 The Contributions due from any Fellows may be waived in whole or in part by the Council, which may also decide to allow such Fellows to continue to receive the Society's Journals in accordance with **Appendix II**.
- 2.4 In the month of November in each year the Council shall cause to be suspended in the Library of the Society a list of the Fellows whose Annual Contributions are due, and notice thereof shall forthwith be forwarded to every Fellow whose name appears on such list. If the Contributions due from any Fellow named on the said list shall not have been paid within three months after the first suspension of the list the Council may remove such a Fellow from the Society.

## SECTION 3

### Honorary Members

- 3.1 The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed four, besides such members of Royal Families as may wish to belong to the Society.
- 3.2 When a vacancy shall occur in the number of Honorary Members, the Fellows shall, at the next or any succeeding Anniversary Meeting as they shall think fit, elect by Open Vote a distinguished Personage to fill such vacancy; providing that no such Personage shall be considered as elected unless two-thirds of the number of Fellows and other eligible members present shall have voted in favour.
- 3.3 As soon as may be after the election of any Honorary Member the President shall announce such election to the Member by letter and at the same time transmit a printed copy of the Charters and Bye-Laws of the Society.

## SECTION 4

### Foreign Members & Fellows *honoris causa*

- 4.1 The number of Foreign Members shall not exceed fifty.
- 4.2 The number of Fellows *honoris causa* shall not exceed twenty-five.
- 4.3 Any Fellow of the Society may propose a person for election as Foreign Member or Fellow *honoris causa* by a certificate signed by that Fellow and two or more other Fellows. Such a certificate, on the form provided for that purpose, shall state the name and nationality of the person proposed and indicate clearly the grounds on which the election is urged. The certificate shall be sent to the Executive Secretary.
- 4.4 The certificates proposing Foreign Members & Fellows *honoris causa* shall be filed, and in the event of a vacancy or vacancies in the lists of Foreign Members or Fellows *honoris causa*, the Council shall select from the persons so proposed at such time or times as they may think fit the number necessary to fill the vacancy or vacancies; and the names of the candidates so selected shall be read at two General Meetings preceding the Anniversary Meeting at which a third reading and the Election shall take place.
- 4.5 No person shall be declared to be elected a Foreign Member or Fellow *honoris causa* who has not received the votes of two-thirds of the Fellows and other eligible Members voting (see **9.10**).
- 4.6 There shall be transmitted to each Foreign Member & Fellow *honoris causa*, as soon as may be after the election, a Diploma in the Latin Language over the Common Seal of the Society together with these Bye-Laws.
- 4.7 A Foreign Member or Fellow *honoris causa* shall be entitled without Contribution to the full privileges of a Fellow of the Society who has been admitted as in 1.10 and the provision of Fellows' Journals (see **1.9**) free of charge and shall be entitled to use respectively the initials FMLS or Hon FLS
- 4.8 No British subject nor any person usually residing in any part of the United Kingdom shall be elected a Foreign Member.
- 4.9 Only British subjects or persons usually residing in the United Kingdom shall be eligible for election as Fellows *honoris causa*.

## SECTION 5

### Associates

- 5.1 There shall be two groups of Associates, namely Associates and Student Associates.
- 5.2 Associates, as previously defined (normally those who have attained the age of eighteen but not the age of twenty-nine years) will have no upper age restriction henceforth but will be 18 years or over in age, and will pay the same contribution as elected Fellows.
- 5.3 There is no formal election process for Associates and Student Associates. They must complete the relevant application form and pay their dues as required.
- 5.4 There is no upper age restriction for Student Associates but they must supply proof of being registered as a student [full or part-time] at a College, University, or other tertiary institution.
- 5.5 Associates or Student Associates may apply for election to the Fellowship at any time, in which case they shall be proposed by at least one Fellow, who shall sign and cause to be delivered to the Executive Secretary the Fellow's Recommendation form, giving the full name, date of birth (optional), position, profession, qualifications and the usual place of residence of the candidate, with contact details including email address and telephone number; and the Recommendation shall be based upon personal acquaintance with the candidate or knowledge of the candidate's work, or the candidate's suitability shall be determined by the Officers of the Society.
- 5.6 The full names and interests of each Associate or Student Associate shall appear on a list for information for Council and subsequently be made available for inspection in the Rooms of the Society.
- 5.7 Associates shall pay an Annual Contribution (see **Appendix I.2**).
- 5.8 Student Associates may retain their Student Associateship while they remain students and during their Student Associateship they shall pay an Annual Contribution (see **Appendix I.2**).
- 5.9 Every Associate and Student Associate shall have access to all General Meetings of the Society, and to its Library under the regulations approved by Council. Student Associates may not borrow books from the Library.
- 5.10 Every Associate but not Student Associate who shall have made a Contribution in accordance with **Appendix I** shall be entitled to receive publications of the Society as for Fellows (see **1.9**). Every Student Associate shall be entitled to receive the Society's *PuLSe* magazine digitally.

## SECTION 6

### Listing of Members of the Society

- 6.1 A searchable database of the Society's Membership shall be available to Members only giving the name, county/country of residence and interests of every person known to be a Member (see **20.3**) at the time. This is subject to any applicable data protection and/or privacy legislation with which the Society is obliged to comply.

## SECTION 7

### Death or Withdrawal of Members

- 7.1 Upon the death when known or the voluntary withdrawal of any Honorary Member, Fellow, Fellow *honoris causa*, Foreign Member, Associate or Student Associate, such death or withdrawal shall be reported to Council and recorded in the Proceedings.

## SECTION 8

### Causes and Form of Ejection

- 8.1 If Members of the Society (see **20.3**) should, contemptuously or contumaciously or negligently disobey the Statutes or Orders of the Society or Council; or should, by speaking, writing or printing publicly defame the Society; or advisedly, maliciously or dishonestly do anything to the damage, detriment or dishonour thereof, they shall be liable to Ejection from the Society. The Council shall enquire into any such complaints and may decide to eject the Members if satisfied that the complaints are substantiated.
- 8.2 Whensoever the Council shall decide to eject any Member from the Society (see **20.3**), the President shall, having first endeavoured to inform the person in writing of such intention, at the next Meeting thereof, propose the ejection of such Member; and at the next general Meeting the question shall be put to the vote, and if two-thirds of the Members (see **9.10**) present vote for it, the President shall pronounce that Member to be ejected in these words: "By the Authority and in the Name of The Linnean Society of London I declare A.B. to be now ejected and no longer a Fellow (Associate, etc. as the case may be) thereof" and immediately cause the name of such person to be removed from the listing of Members and the person to be so informed. The ejection of every such person shall then be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting, reported to Council at its next meeting, reported at the next Anniversary Meeting and published in the Proceedings.



- 8.3 The Council shall provide for an appeal in respect of actual or proposed ejection of a Member when this is sought by the person concerned. Council shall nominate at least three Fellows of the Society, not being Members of Council, to enquire into the causes of the ejection of a Member, who shall report back to Council within a time consistent with the needs of the enquiry.

## SECTION 9

### Anniversary Meeting and Election of the Council and Officers

- 9.1 Council shall decide the form of the Voting for Council and Officers. Fellows wishing to make recommendations to Council for its nominations for new Council Members, for Officers, for Foreign Membership, for Fellowship *honoris causa* and for Honorary Membership must make those recommendations known to the Executive Secretary before the first day of the January in the year in which the Anniversary Meeting is to be held.
- 9.2 Every Member of the Society (see **20.3**) shall be given at least twenty-one days' notice in writing of the date of the Anniversary Meeting for electing the Council and Officers (see **9.3 & Sections 11, 12 & 13**) for the year ensuing. Such Meeting shall take place annually on the twenty-fourth day of May\*, unless that day shall happen to be a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday, and then on such other day within the following week as shall be decided by Council. \*This is the reputed birthday of Linnaeus but the actual date was the 13th May 1707, Swedish Old Style, corresponding to 23rd May, New Style.
- 9.3 Before the day of the Elections voting papers shall be prepared with the names of the Officers proposed for the ensuing year, the names of at least five persons whom the Council recommends to be retired from Council, and the names of at least five persons whom the Council recommends to be voted for to fill the five vacancies in the Council. Fellows shall be informed of these nominations by Council at least four weeks before the date of the Anniversary Meeting. Any other Fellow who has been proposed by six other Fellows, for Council or Office, shall be entitled to stand for election to Council or as an Officer; such proposals must be submitted to the Executive Secretary two weeks before the date of the Anniversary Meeting, after which all nominations shall be posted in the Society's Rooms and on its website.
- 9.4 To provide continuity and the better to assimilate Society business, in the year prior to the termination of the President's term of office, a successor shall be designated and recommended for election as if that person were an Officer under **9.3**. Subject to election, that person shall then assume the title of President-Elect (see **11.3 & 11.4**).

- 9.5 If the Council shall not decide otherwise (see **9.1**), on the day of election, the President shall take the Chair at the appointed time and shall immediately open the business of the day. Voting glasses shall be placed before the Chair, as appropriate, ones for the Council vacancies, for the Officers, for Foreign Membership and for Fellowship *honoris causa*. Before the vote, the President shall appoint three Scrutineers who are Fellows of the Society. Fellows or other eligible Members (see **9.10**) voting shall place their voting paper for Council in its proper glass. The Scrutineers shall examine the lists and report to the President who shall declare the result of the vote to the Meeting. After the result of the vote for the Council shall have been made known to the Meeting, the votes for the Officers (and when appropriate the President-Elect), for Foreign Membership and for Fellowship *honoris causa* shall follow in the same manner.
- 9.6 If any voting paper should contain more than the proper number of names or if any paper for Officers should include the name of any person not being a Member of Council, such a paper shall be set aside and not taken account of by the Scrutineers in casting up the number of votes.
- 9.7 In case of an equality of votes for the election into the Council of two or more persons, whose number together shall exceed the number to be elected exclusive of those having more votes, the excess of such number shall be excluded by lots, to be prepared by the Scrutineers and drawn by the President in the Chair and the person or persons whose name or names shall remain undrawn shall be declared to be elected into the Council. In case of equality of votes for the election of any of the Officers, the same procedure shall be adopted.
- 9.8 If at least twenty-one Fellows or other eligible Members (see **9.10**) do not appear and give in their voting papers within one hour of the time appointed for the Meeting, the Election shall be adjourned to the next convenient day, of which notice shall be given to the Members of the Society (see **9.10**) as soon as possible.
- 9.9 In case of vacancies in the Council or among the Officers of the Society happening between Anniversary Meetings, the Council shall decide the form of the voting for Council or Officers for the purpose of filling such a vacancy within six months; and the summons for such votes, shall, as far as circumstances shall admit, be after the same manner as is directed for the Anniversary Meetings.
- 9.10 The Anniversary or other Election Meeting shall be open to all Members of the Society (see **20.3**) but the Power of Voting, as at all General Meetings, shall be restricted to Fellows, Foreign Members and Fellows *honoris causa*, subject to **1.9** and **1.10**. Guests may attend the Anniversary Meeting only on the invitation of the President.

## SECTION 10

### Council, Committees and Specialist Groups

- 10.1 Council shall consist of twenty Fellows, including the Officers, namely the President, the Treasurer and Secretaries (**Sections 11, 12 and 13**). At least five Members of Council shall retire annually (see **9.3**). The twenty elected Members of Council shall constitute the Trustees of the Charity, The Linnean Society of London. Council shall have powers of co-option, but those co-opted shall not be entitled to vote thereat.
- 10.2 The Council shall meet at such times as shall be appointed by the President or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents (see **11.1**); due and sufficient notice of each Meeting being previously sent to every Member of Council.
- 10.3 When the Chair shall have been taken, the minutes of the preceding Meeting of Council shall be received, and, if approved by the Members present (see **20.3**), shall be signed in the Minute Book by the President.
- 10.4 When any question shall be raised at a Meeting of the Council it shall be determined by open vote of those present unless two or more Members of the Meeting demand a vote; and if there should be an equality of votes in either case, the President shall have a casting vote.
- 10.5 When the Council shall have determined upon a question which, according to the Charters, requires the assent of the Fellows at large, the Resolution of the Council upon such question, signed by the President, Vice-President or Chairman who may have presided at the time shall be read at the next General Meeting of the Society and voted upon. Steps shall be taken to inform the Membership by the most appropriate means.
- 10.6 To advise it on specific matters, Council shall appoint Committees and designate Chairmen for those Committees to deal with all Collections, Editorial, Programmes, Finance, Education, Grants, Medals, Awards and Taxonomy & Systematics, with such other matters as it deems necessary. The minutes and reports of every Committee shall be submitted to Council at least annually and at other times as and when necessary. All Committees shall have power to seek advice from within and without the Society.
- 10.7 The Chairmen of Committees, if not Members of Council, shall be invited to attend Meetings of the Council when relevant papers are being considered but they shall not be entitled to vote thereat.

- 10.8 To further scientific discussion, Council may authorise the establishment of Specialist Groups. Each Specialist Group shall be organised by a Fellow as Group Secretary who, once nominated, shall be an *ex-officio* Member of the Programmes Committee or its equivalent. The Group Secretaries shall be responsible to Council through this Committee for the conduct and business of their Groups.
- 10.9 Council shall review the memberships of its Committees at least annually.

## **SECTION 11**

### **President**

- 11.1 The business of the President shall be to preside at Meetings of the Society and regulate all the debates of the Society and Council, to state and put questions which shall have been moved and seconded, both in the affirmative and negative, according to the sense and intention of such Meetings; to call for reports and accounts from Committees and others; to check irregularities and to keep all persons present at Meetings to order; to cause all Extraordinary Meetings of the Council to be summoned when necessary; and generally to execute or see to the execution of the Statutes and Bye-Laws of the Society. The President shall appoint annually to be Vice-Presidents four Members of Council, ordinarily one at least already being an Officer (see **9.1**).
- 11.2 The President shall normally be the Chairman of the Audit Review Committee (see **12.6**), the Grants, Medals and Awards Committees or their equivalents and be an *ex-officio* Member of all other Committees.
- 11.3 The President's term of office shall be preceded by one year as President-Elect (see **9.4**). The President's election shall therefore occur at the Anniversary Meeting in the previous year and be confirmed by ballot on the day due for taking office. The President's term of office shall commence at the time this confirmation is announced.
- 11.4 The President-Elect shall be first elected to Council. The President-Elect shall be an *ex-officio* Member of all Committees.

## **SECTION 12**

### **Honorary Treasurer and Finance**

- 12.1 The Treasurer shall receive for the use of the Society all sums payable to the Society; and shall pay and disburse all sums of money, which may be due from the Society; and shall require the keeping by the Society of detailed accounts of all such receipts and payments.

- 12.2 The Treasurer shall make appropriate arrangements for authorizing payments and for signing cheques.
- 12.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Society and shall advise the Officers and the Council both of long-term trends and matters of moment concerning financial strategy. Taking advice from the Finance Committee, and professional advisers when appropriate, the Treasurer shall act in the name of the Society on matters of investment.
- 12.4 The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee or its equivalent and shall be an *ex-officio* Member of all other Committees.
- 12.5 A firm of chartered accountants shall be appointed by the Fellows at the Anniversary Meeting as Auditors for the following year.
- 12.6 Prior to their presentation to the Anniversary Meeting, the Annual Statement of Accounts and the report of the professional Auditors shall be examined by an Audit Review Committee of Fellows. This Committee, to be elected annually, shall consist of three Members of Council (including the President [see **11.2**] or a Vice-President), and two Fellows who are not Members of Council. The Committee shall report to Council and Fellows at the Anniversary Meeting.
- 12.7 The Society shall not, and may not, make any dividend, division or bonus in money unto or between any of its Members.

## **SECTION 13**

### **Secretaries**

- 13.1 There shall be two Scientific Secretaries who shall be responsible to Council for the scientific business of the Society. One of these Secretaries shall chair the Programmes Committee or its equivalent and the other shall chair the Education Committee. The Scientific Secretaries shall be *ex-officio* members of all Committees.
- 13.2 There shall also be an Editorial Secretary, whose duties shall relate to the editorial policy and publishing but not finance of the publications of the Society. The Editorial Secretary shall be Chairman of the Editorial Committee and an *ex-officio* member of all other Committees.
- 13.3 There shall also be a Collections Secretary who shall be responsible to Council for all the Society's Collections, its books, biological collections, manuscripts and artefacts. The Collections Secretary shall be Chairman of all Committees involved with the Society's Collections and an *ex-officio* member of all other Committees.

13.4 The Council may in its discretion nominate other Secretaries, whose duties it shall be to take charge of any general or particular business of the Society. Such nominations shall be ratified at the immediately ensuing Anniversary Meeting.

## **SECTION 14**

### **Salaried Staff**

14.1 Council shall appoint such Salaried Staff as it deems necessary for the transaction of the business of the Society.

14.2 One of the Salaried Staff, to be known as the Executive Secretary, shall, under the authority of the Council and under the general direction of the Officers, be responsible for the Society's staff and Rooms and for the day-to-day business of the Society. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the property of the Society whilst it is in the Society's Rooms and shall be secretary to the Council.

14.3 One of the Salaried Staff, to be known as the Financial Controller, shall under the authority of Council and in collaboration with the Honorary Treasurer, be responsible for all financial matters relating to the Society's activities. The Financial Controller will also be responsible for all contracts including employment contracts.

14.4 One of the Salaried Staff, to be known as the Librarian, shall be custodian of all the Society's Collections, its books, biological collections, manuscripts and artefacts, and shall give facilities to the Fellows and others duly authorised to consult the Collections.

## **SECTION 15**

### **General and Scientific Meetings**

15.1 The General and Scientific Meetings of the Society shall be held on such Thursdays or other days as the Council may decide. Due notice of the days, hours and place of Meeting shall be given to every Member (see **20.3**) whose email or postal address is known.

15.2 General Meetings shall normally open with business in the way of Welcome, Admissions, Minutes, Elections and discussion of Society affairs. The chief business of the Society in its Scientific Meetings shall be to read and hear Papers, Reports and Letters on the subject of Natural History, and also to view such specimens of the productions of Nature as shall be exhibited.

- 15.3 Unless previously announced as a closed meeting for the conducting of private Society business, all Scientific Meetings shall be open to the public, such visitors as wish to attend being scrutinised and invited to register on first arrival.
- 15.4 Discussion of the Society's affairs shall be restricted to Members of the Society and the Power of Voting shall be as in **9.10**.
- 15.5 Guests may be officially invited to attend the General Meetings by the President or Officers.
- 15.6 No Member (see **20.3**) or guest shall, at a Meeting of the Society, in any way interfere with the convenience of another Member or guest.

## **SECTION 16**

### **Collections, Books, Manuscripts, Artefacts, Deeds and Documents**

- 16.1 The Council shall appoint two or more Curators to be responsible through the Collections Secretary for the care of the Society's Biological Collections and Artefacts, those being supervised by more than one Curator if required. Such appointments shall confer *ex-officio* membership of the appropriate Collections Committee and thus be subject to annual review (see **10.9**).
- 16.2 No part of the Collections shall be removed from the Society's Rooms (defined as New Burlington House and Toynbee House) except by a Curator or with the written or verbal permission of the appropriate Curator or the Collections Secretary. Specimens may only be removed for study to the Natural History Museum, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, or other institution as approved by Council, when the working facilities at the Society's Rooms are deemed inadequate. They are to be returned as soon as the work is complete. Every such removal and return shall be recorded in a book kept for the purpose and this shall be checked from time to time by the Collections Secretary. Through the minutes of the appropriate Committee, Council shall be informed of removals for periods in excess of one year.
- 16.3 No preparation of any kind shall be made from any specimen without the specific permission of a Curator or of the relevant Secretaries and all such preparations are the property of the Society. Every such preparation shall be returned to the Society for storage with the Collections and a record made of the work undertaken. No investigator shall be permitted to retain any specimen or any preparation for future use or reference.
- 16.4 Investigations involving possibly destructive techniques shall require the prior approval of Council. Council's authority may be delegated to the Officers.

- 16.5 The Library, archives, manuscripts and artefacts are to be made available for research according to the Library Rules as Council may from time to time decide (see **14.3**).
- 16.6 There shall be kept a book, called the Roll and Charter Book, which shall contain copies of the Charters and the Obligation to be subscribed by the Fellows of the Society in their own handwriting.
- 16.7 There shall be kept Minute Books in which shall be entered the Minutes and business of the Society and of Council at their respective Meetings.
- 16.8 The books, Minutes, Reports and papers concerning the Society and its membership shall form part of the Society's archives and may be consulted in a like manner to any other paper or manuscript in the Society's possession (see **14.3**). Notwithstanding, only Members of the Society shall have the liberty of inspecting the current Minutes and other official books of the Society and no copy of any matter contained therein may be made without leave of Council. No such book or paper may be removed from the Rooms except with the permission of Council.
- 16.9 Deeds and documents of legal or pecuniary importance may be deposited with the Society's bankers or elsewhere for safekeeping.
- 16.10 The contents of the Iron Chest of the Society, to which the President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary shall hold keys, shall be inspected by the Council once in every year.
- 16.11 The transfer of Society's collections between the two sites of New Burlington House and Toynbee House shall be undertaken by the staff as appropriate and when necessary.

## **SECTION 17**

### **Publications**

- 17.1 The Publications of the Society shall be printed and published at such times and in such manner (including electronically) as the Council shall direct.
- 17.2 As advised by the Editorial Secretary (see **13.2**), Council shall appoint an Editor for each of the Society's serial publications. Additionally, Editors shall be appointed for *The Synopses of British Fauna* and occasional publications, and such appointments shall confer ex-officio membership of the Editorial Committee. The appointments shall be subject to annual review (see **10.9**).



17.3 Each Editor shall be responsible to Council through the Editorial Committee for the proper management of copy presented for publication, for the time of production of the publication as laid down by Council and for ensuring that its contents comply with the current Editorial Policy and meet legal requirements.

17.4 Each Editor shall be assisted by an Editorial Board, as approved by the Editorial Committee. The Editor may pass papers to independent referees, all such persons being chosen for their expertise regardless of their affiliation to the Society or other organisations; all papers accepted for publication shall be refereed in this way.

17.5 When approved for external publication, the reproduction of every Society possession or publication outside copyright shall be attributed *By courtesy of The Linnean Society of London*.

## **SECTION 18**

### **Benefactions**

18.1 In the printed *Proceedings* of the Society a record shall be made of all donations of the amount or value of one hundred pounds and upwards which have been made to the Society during the past year.

18.2 In every volume presented to and accepted by the Society a notice shall be inserted, and when necessary be renewed, containing the name of the donor and the date of the gift.

## **SECTION 19**

### **Data Protection**

19.1 Membership of the Society and acceptance of its constitution will be deemed consent to holding, and publishing where appropriate, relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Acts.

## **SECTION 20**

### **Interpretation**

20.1 In the construction of these Bye-Laws words denoting the singular number only shall include the plural number also and vice versa, and words denoting the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender also.

- 20.2 The term Officers, as used in the Charters, and referred to herein shall be deemed to include, in addition to those stipulated in the Charters, all such persons elected by Council to hold office (see **Sections 11, 12 and 13**): the President, the Treasurer, the Collections Secretary, the Editorial Secretary and the two Scientific Secretaries. The President-Elect shall attend meetings of Officers and the Committees but shall not act as an Officer until such time as their election is confirmed (see **11.3**).
- 20.3 The term Member shall be taken to include, when appropriate, every person in the category of Honorary Member, Fellow, Fellow *honoris causa*, Foreign Member, Associate and Student Associate.
- 20.4 The term President, when referred to in these Bye-Laws as Chairman of a Meeting, shall be taken to include any deputy appointed by the President or an appropriate person who shall take the Chair on other occasions.
- 20.5 Any Appendices to these Bye-Laws shall be subject to addition or change by decision of the Council without the prior approval of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

## **APPENDIX I**

### **Contributions**

- I.1 The rates of Annual Contribution are as set out hereunder or such other sums as may be adopted on the recommendation of Council and voting at the Anniversary Meeting with the approval of at least two-thirds of the Fellows and other eligible Members present voting.
- I.2 Fellows, Associates and Student Associates. The Annual Contribution to be paid by Members is as specified below:

#### **CURRENT RATES** (as from 24thMay 2017)

Fellows £55

Associates £55

Student Associates £10

## **APPENDIX II**

- II.1 For entitlement to Journals see **1.9**. The annual cost of the electronic package of all of the Society's Journals is to be added to the Annual Contributions in **1.2**.