

The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove: Membership Rules

1. These rules were adopted by the Trustees at their meeting on 16th July 2019, in accordance with s. 29 of the society's Constitution.

Categories of Membership

2. Anyone over the age of eighteen may apply for membership.
3. Members will be enrolled into one of the following membership categories:
 - 3.1 Annual membership, paying a subscription every 12 months;
 - 3.2 Student membership, paying a reduced subscription every 12 months on presentation of a current student identity card or other proof of enrolment at a recognised educational institution;
 - 3.3 Corporate membership, available to businesses or other institutions or associations, paying a "corporate" rate every 12 months;
 - 3.4 Three-year membership, paying a three-yearly subscription every 36 months;
 - 3.5 Life membership, paying a one-off subscription for a period ending when the member either resigns or dies;
 - 3.6 Honorary membership, awarded only by resolution of the trustees and paying no subscription.
4. Two non-corporate members who are both in the same category and living at the same postal address may, additionally, be enrolled as joint members, at a reduced subscription per member.
5. Joint members will receive only one copy of any communications or publications distributed by the society to all its members on paper.
6. The trustees may establish new categories of membership from time to time.
7. The trustees may resolve to discontinue any category of membership, but such a decision will not affect the membership renewal date of any existing members, at which date they may then need to select a new category of membership.

Membership Secretary

8. The trustees will appoint a membership secretary who may, or may not be a trustee or a member of the society
9. The membership secretary will be responsible for
 - 9.1 maintaining a register of members in accordance with the society's constitution;
 - 9.2 responding to enquiries about membership from members and prospective members;
 - 9.3 receiving and acknowledging applications for membership and updating the register of members accordingly;
 - 9.4 liaising with the honorary treasurer regarding the banking of membership subscription receipts;

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- 9.5 reporting to the trustees on a regular basis regarding the total number of members and the names of new members;
 - 9.6 reminding members when their membership subscriptions fall due for renewal
 - 9.7 recommending to the trustees the removal of a member's name from the register when appropriate (see 14 below).
10. It is not part of the membership secretary's role to recruit new members or otherwise publicise the society, though he or she may volunteer to take on such a role if they wish.

Enrolment of members

11. The membership secretary has authority, delegated by the trustees, to enrol new members on their behalf in any category of membership except honorary or corporate membership. Members in these two categories may only be enrolled on a specific resolution of the trustees.
12. The trustees may refuse an application for membership if they believe it would be in the best interests of the society to do so. However, a potential member whose application is refused may make a written representation to the trustees, as specified in the Constitution.
13. An applicant for membership becomes a member when their name is added to the register of members by the membership secretary.

Termination of membership

14. Membership is not transferable.
15. Membership may only be terminated in one or more of the following circumstances:
 - 15.1 death of the member;
 - 15.2 at the member's request, which should normally be in writing;
 - 15.3 non-renewal of subscription for three months after its renewal date;
 - 15.4 the trustees have resolved that it is in the best interests of the society to terminate the membership and have allowed the member an opportunity to make representations to the trustees in accordance with the constitution.
16. The membership secretary has delegated authority to remove members' names from the register in the case of death or member's request. Otherwise a member's name may only be removed following a resolution to that effect by the trustees.
17. For practical purposes a member ceases to be treated as a member when their name is removed from the register of members by the membership secretary, acting in accordance with these rules.
18. Where the membership of one joint member is terminated, the remaining member will become a non-joint member within the same category and their subscription will be adjusted accordingly when it next falls due.

Subscriptions

19. The trustees will determine subscription levels for each category of membership and may adjust such levels from time to time.

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20. When a member renews their subscription a significant time after the due date, the membership secretary has delegated authority to use his or her own discretion in setting the next renewal date.

Changes to the Rules

21. These rules may only be changed by resolution of the trustees and any changes must be notified to all members within one month.