

# **RULES OF THE BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION**

These Rules are drafted in accordance with Article 60 of the Articles of Association of the British Orthopaedic Association.

## **Objects**

1. The Association's objects ('the Objects') are the advancement for the public benefit of the Science, Art and Practice of Orthopaedic Surgery with the aim of bringing relief to patients of all ages suffering from the effects of injury or disorders of the musculoskeletal system.

## **Membership**

2. (i) Membership of the Association shall comprise the following categories:
- (a) Honorary Fellows
  - (b) Corresponding Fellows
  - (c) Senior Fellows
  - (d) Fellows
  - (e) Overseas Fellows
  - (f) Companion Fellows
  - (g) Members
  - (h) Associates
  - (i) Affiliates

### Election for Categories of Membership

- 8. (a) Nominations for Honorary Fellowship should be supported by ten Fellows and must receive unanimous support of those present at a Council meeting.
- (b) Applications for election as Fellow, Overseas Fellow, Companion Fellow, Member or Associate must be made on an official form and be supported by two Fellows of the Association.
- (c) Associates may apply directly to the Membership Committee for consideration for election to Fellowship.
- (d) Application for Affiliate Membership should be made on an official form available from the BOA and should be supported by a reference from the applicant's own professional body and from two Fellows of the British Orthopaedic Association. The holders of the Certificate of Orthopaedic Medical Technology will only require references from two Fellows of the British Orthopaedic Association.
- (e) Fellows may submit names for consideration for election to any category of membership to the Honorary Secretary.
- (f) Council shall approve election to all categories of membership, except Honorary, Corresponding and Companion Fellowship, after receiving recommendations from the Membership Committee. Elections shall be confirmed by the vote of a majority at a general meeting.
- (g) Proposals for Honorary and Corresponding Fellowship and applications for Companion Fellowship may only be approved by the vote of a majority at a general meeting.

## **Resignations**

9. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Association shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary.
10. The Council shall have power to request the resignation of any member deemed by the Council to have been guilty of conduct contrary to the interest of the Association, or to have been disobedient to its Rules or guilty of an unprofessional act or public misdemeanour, provided that the person concerned shall be notified of the proposed action not less than eight weeks before the next general meeting. Any member whose resignation is requested by the Council shall have the right to appeal to that Council and to the next general meeting and enter a defence, provided written application is made to the Honorary Secretary within fourteen days of receiving the request for his resignation. At least 21 days' notice shall be given to members of a resolution required to remove a member who is also a trustee of the Association. A majority vote of Fellows and Emeritus Fellows at that meeting shall be final.

## **Subscriptions**

11. (a) The annual subscription for Fellows, Overseas Fellows, Members and Associates will include provision for 'The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery' and other official publications of the Association.
- (b) Honorary Fellows and Corresponding Fellows will pay no subscription and will not receive 'The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery'.
- (c) Senior Fellows elected on or after 18 September 2002 will pay a reduced annual subscription which will not normally include provision of 'The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery'. Senior Fellows elected before 18 September 2002 will pay no subscription but will be invited to make a voluntary annual donation to the Association.
- (d) Companion Fellows may elect to pay a reduced subscription at one of two rates, depending on whether they choose to receive 'The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery' as part of the subscription entitlement.
- (e) Subscriptions are due on 1st January of each year and are payable in advance. They shall be determined by the Council and approved at a general meeting.
- (f) The Council shall have power to remit, reduce or suspend the subscription of any member at its discretion.
- (g) In the event of election to membership before 1 July the first subscription shall be payable on election and publications supplied from the beginning of the year. In the event of election after 30 June the first subscription shall be payable on 1 January next following and the publications supplied from the latter date.
- (h) Associates who are elected Fellows shall pay the appropriate subscription on 1 January next following.
- (i) No member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Association whilst their subscription is in arrears and in the event of its remaining unpaid for two consecutive years they shall automatically cease to be a member of the Association. Re-election may be granted by the Council if all arrears be paid and application in writing is made to the Honorary Secretary.