

## **OBJECTIVES AND RULES**

**The Society was founded at a meeting held on 9th April 1902, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London. On the 9th March 2011 the Rules and Objectives of the Society were updated as follows:**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- a. To keep a register of the addresses of past members of the School;
- b. to maintain a means of communication between the School and Old Aldenhamians and between Old Aldenhamians inter se;
- c. to arrange, if possible, for at least one number of the "The Aldenhamiana", containing a summary of events of interest to Old Aldenhamians, to be sent annually to all members who shall have paid their subscriptions;
- d. to arrange for an Old Aldenhamian Dinner to be held from time to time;
- e. to promote communication between Old Aldenhamians by means of Annual and other meetings;
- f. to enable Old Aldenhamians, by means of their Committee, to take united action in any matter concerning the interest of the whole body;
- g. to further the interests of the School and of its past and present members in such other ways as may from time to time be possible.

### **RULES**

1. The Society shall consist of all Old Aldenhamians existing on 9th April 1902 (designated original members) and others from time to time to be elected under the following provisions.
2. Each original member of the Society is requested to contribute £1.05 towards the funds thereof.
3. All boys and girls educated at the Senior School, for at least one year, on or at any time after leaving, shall be eligible for membership of the Society on payment of such subscription as may have been determined by the Committee from time to time. All boys and girls educated at the Preparatory School for at least a period of one year, who progress to educational establishments other than the Senior School, may apply to become members of the Society after completion of their secondary education. Such applications should be addressed to the Hon.Secretary who will present them to the OA Society Committee for consideration on an individual case-by-case basis.
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  - a) Every member of the Common Room who has been at the School for five years shall be invited to become an Honorary Member of the Society.
  - b) The Society may confer Honorary Membership of the Society upon any person not being an Old Aldenhamian in appreciation of services to the School or the Society.
5. Membership shall be for an initial period of 20 years from the time that a pupil leaves the School and pays his or her subscription. Members thereafter shall be invited to continue membership at an annual subscription to be determined by the Committee (see Rule 3). Voluntary donations and legacies are invited.

6. The management of the Society, election of the new members, and the administration of funds of the Society, shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of twelve members elected by the Society, and having full powers.
7. The President, Honorary Treasurer, and Joint Honorary Secretaries for the time being, and such Vice-Presidents as may from time to time be elected by the members of the Society, shall be ex officio members of the Committee. The President of the Society shall hold office for three years.
8. At meetings of the Committee four shall form a quorum, and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of equality.
9. The Committee may delegate any of their powers to any sub-committee appointed by them for any specific purpose or purposes.
10. Casual vacancies on the Committee or among the officials of the Society in any year may be filled by the Committee, but any member or officer so appointed shall only hold office until the next annual general meeting; and any vacancy or office not filled at any annual general meeting may similarly be filled by the Committee subsequently, if so authorised by such meeting.
11. Committee meetings shall from time to time be called by the Joint Honorary Secretaries as they shall think fit, and in addition they shall call a meeting at any time within one month after being required in writing to do so by two members of the Committee, stating the objective.
12. One third of the elected members of the Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting in 1903, and one-third at every subsequent annual general meeting; but those retiring shall be eligible for re-election. Those members who shall have been longest in office shall be those to retire each year, and in the event of parity of service the selection shall be by ballot unless otherwise arranged.
13. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held every year before the end of April at such place as the Committee shall arrange, and at least fourteen days' previous notice thereof shall be given to the members by the Joint Honorary Secretaries, stating shortly the business to be transacted; if however, the Old Aldenhamian Dinner shall be fixed for any date between April and August in any year, the Committee shall at their discretion have power to postpone the Annual General Meeting for that particular year, until the date of the Dinner.
14. Such other meetings of the Society shall be held from time to time as the Committee shall think fit.
15. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society and shall make up and present at each annual general meeting of the Society a balance sheet showing income and expenditure, and the financial position for the time being of the Society.
16. The Rules of the Society shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting, and unless the alteration be carried out by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting. Any

member desirous of proposing any alteration in the rules of the Society, or bringing forward any resolution at the Annual General Meeting, shall give notice in writing of such proposal to one of the Joint Honorary Secretaries by 1st December previous. Proposals, of which notice shall have not been given as above, shall only be put at any meeting by leave of the Chairman thereof and two-thirds of the members present and voting.

17. Any group of Old Aldenhamians who propose to form a club or society for the purpose of playing games or engaging in other pursuits shall not use the style "Old Aldenhamian" in describing their activities unless the approval of the Committee has first been obtained. The latter must be endorsed by the Annual General Meeting.