

THE OLD ALDENHAMIAN SOCIETY

OBJECTIVES AND RULES

The Society was founded at a meeting held on 9th April 1902, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London

OBJECTIVES

- a. To keep a register of the addresses, both postal and electronic of past members of the School, *having due regard to whatever the appropriate legislation dictates or advises in its use;*
- b. to maintain a means of communication between the School and Old Aldenhamians and between Old Aldenhamians;
- c. to arrange, if possible, for at least one number of the "Aldenhamiana"/"OA Review", 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.
- h. to facilitate both sporting and other activities for Old Aldenhamians.

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RULES

1.

The Society shall consist of all Old Aldenhamians who have paid the appropriate subscription and others who have been elected under the following provisions.

2.

a)

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 be determined by the Committee. 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.

b)

From September 2002 pupils wishing to join the Society (or their parents) pay a lump sum which gives membership for 20 years. Thereafter membership continues by the payment of an annual subscription.

3.

a)

Every member of the Common Room or employee of similar standing who has been at the School for five years shall be invited to become an Honorary Member of the Society, no subscription being payable.

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.

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c)

Honorary OAs are not eligible to represent OAs in any activity which requires the participants to be former pupils.

d)

Honorary OAs are not eligible to be elected to the committee; nor take up any ex officio positions on the committee.

4.

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.

Members who joined before the Society before September 2002 have life status, however they are invited to pay a voluntary annual subscription of £10 per annum.

5.

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 the ex-officio members and up to six members elected by the Society. The Headmaster, or his/her representative and such other representatives as have been agreed, may also attend as observers without the right to vote.

6.

The President of the Society, having been endorsed by the committee and elected at the AGM shall hold office for three years but can be elected for one further term.

The Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary shall be elected annually at the AGM as ex officio members of the Committee.

Vice-Presidents as may be elected by the members of the Society, shall be ex officio members of the Committee.

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7.

At meetings of the Committee four shall form a quorum, of which three Committee members must have voting rights, and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of equality.

8.

The Committee may delegate any of their powers to any sub-committee appointed by them for any specific purpose or purposes.

9.

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.

10.

Committee meetings shall from time to time be called by the Honorary Secretary as he/she shall think fit, and in addition *he/she* 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.

11.

One third of the elected members of the Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting, 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.

12.

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 Honorary Secretary, stating shortly the business to be transacted.

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13.

Such other meetings of the Society shall be held from time to time as the Committee shall think fit.

14.

The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society and shall 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. The Annual Accounts must be approved at the AGM of the OA Society.

15.

The Rules of the Society shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting, and unless the alteration be carried 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 Honorary Secretary 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.

If, however, due to extenuating circumstances, such as Government Legislation, it is necessary to modify the rules to comply with the legislation, then it will be necessary to agree such changes outside of the timings set out before.

In such cases proposed changes may be submitted to and agreed at a normal committee meeting or one convened in accordance with rule 10 and subject to the approval criteria as detailed before. Such changes may then be reported at the next AGM.

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16.

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 committee can withdraw the use of the style if it is considered detrimental to the good name of the school. The latter must be endorsed by the Annual General Meeting. All such affiliated OA clubs must be governed/organised by an official committee, with appropriate Rules and Regulations, and financial accounting that is formally approved by the OA Society and an Annual report presented to the Committee.

17.

The Society will retain ownership of the database containing the register of those associated with the school but will grant access to the data but its use will be subject to agreement by the officers of the OA Society.

18.

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 the role of Data Controller is deemed to be the Elected Members of the Old Aldenhamian Society Committee.

As such it is responsible for registration and compliance with regulations.

19.

Any OA who by his or her unacceptable behaviour, brings the OA Society into disrepute, shall be immediately suspended from membership of the Society for a period of five years, or such period of time as the President and Committee shall think appropriate.