

Motion to fix consistency issues in the Constitution

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The Society Notes:

- There are various small parts of the constitution that have not been brought up-to-date, and as a result, provide conflicting and/or incorrect information to members.
- Currently, society membership resets at the beginning of September and has done for several years. Clause 3.2 of the constitution claims “Memberships of the Society are to be renewed in the October of every academic year.”
- In-line with SU Regulation 9 (under section *Elections*, subsection *Organising an exec election*, Clause 3) [1], the Returning Officer stipulates in posts publicising upcoming elections that members must have had membership for a minimum of 14 days before the election begins to be able to vote [2] [3]. Clause 3.3 of the constitution conflicts with this by saying “no less than three days before the election takes place”.
- Clause 6.1 of the Constitution currently states “Elections shall be held online or at a quorate general meeting in line with ByLaw 10 Appendix D.” The SU by-laws have since been updated and this is no longer governed by “ByLaw 10 Appendix D”. The closest applicable bye-law is bye-law 521.b [4].

The Society Believes:

- Clause 3.2 provides potentially misleading/conflicting information to members, and should be corrected.
- The current format of Clause 3.3 provides potentially misleading/conflicting information to members, especially given Regulation 9’s precedence, and therefore should be corrected.
- The current format of Clause 6.1 should not refer to out-dated SU regulations and should be replaced with an equivalent clause matching current regulations.
- These are relatively minor changes and reflect how the society has operated in recent times.

The Society Resolves:

- To amend Clause 3.2 of the Constitution as follows:

3.2 Memberships of the Society are to be renewed ~~in~~ on the ~~October~~ 1st September of every academic year.

- To amend Clause 3.3 of the Constitution as follows:

3.3 Only standard members of the society shall be entitled to vote in elections, provided they have joined the society and paid the appropriate subscription fee no less than ~~three days before the election takes place.~~ 14 days before voting begins.

- To amend Clause 6.1 of the Constitution as follows:

6.1 Elections shall be held online or at a quorate general meeting in line with ~~ByLaw 10 Appendix D.~~ bye-law 521.b.

- To consider all parts of the motion for a vote, where they are not directed at Regulation 9 conflicts, in the event that the society receives communication from the SU that correcting parts of the Constitution conflicting with the regulation do not or can not require a vote.

References

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