

Cheese and Wine Appreciation Society Constitution.

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1. Name

- 1.1 The formal name of the Club shall be “Cheese and Wine Appreciation Society”.
- 1.2 The Club may also be known as “CAWA”.
- 1.3 The Club shall henceforth be referred to as “CAWA” or “the Club”.

2. Preliminary

- 2.1 “Cheese and Wine Appreciation Society” is a not-for-profit Student Society established pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Student Guild Regulations. “CAWA” seeks to affiliate to the University of Western Australia Student Guild (“Guild”) Societies Council [insert “and Public Affairs Council” if applicable].
- 2.2 This Constitution (“Constitution”) shall govern the operation of the Club and is established pursuant to Rule 144 of the Societies Council Rules.
- 2.3 Where a capitalised term is used in this Constitution but not defined, the definition shall be taken from the Societies Council Rules. Where no such definition is available the interpretation panel established under article 22.1 of this Constitution shall have the power to determine the definition of the term in question.
- 2.4 In the event of an inconsistency between this Constitution and the Societies Council Rules the provision of the Societies Council Rules shall prevail.

3. Objectives

- 3.1 The objective of the Club shall be to :
 - a) Promote the appreciation of cheeses from around the world
 - b) Promote the appreciation of wine from around the world
 - c) Foster a social community of those who share the club’s objectives
- 3.2 An objective of the Club shall be to create a welcoming community of students which is inclusive to all, regardless of their degree, race, religion, sexual orientation or identification.
- 3.3 An objective of the Club shall be to remain affiliated to the Societies Council [insert “and Public Affairs Council” if applicable] of the Guild.

- 3.4 An objective of the Club shall be to act in a way which promotes cooperation between the Club and other Affiliated Societies, the Societies Council, the Guild, and all of its Departments.
- 3.5 An objective of the Club shall be to do all such things necessary and proper for the benefit or advancement of Financial Members of the Club.
- 3.6 An objective of the Club shall be to apply the property and income of the Club solely to the promotion of its expressed objectives, and not, directly or indirectly, to its members, except in good faith and for the promotion of these objectives.
- 3.7 The Club must comply with this Constitution, all applicable statutes, by-laws, rules, regulations, Standing Orders, and policies in force at any given time.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The Club's membership shall be confined to Financial Members, Ordinary Committee Members, Executive Committee Members, Associate Members, and Honorary Life Members.
- 4.2 Only Financial Members may hold voting rights at Club Elections and meetings of the Club.
- 4.3 To be eligible to be a Financial Member a person must:
 - 4.3.1 Have purchased an annual membership to the Club;
 - 4.3.2 Be a current member of the Guild; and
 - 4.3.3 Be an enrolled UWA student, with full rights and privileges, for the duration of their Financial Membership.
- 4.4 Cost of Annual membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee Members, but will be set at no less than \$5 AUD.
- 4.5 Financial Members are entitled to:
 - 4.4.1 Attend and hold speaking rights at meetings of the Club;
 - 4.4.2 Vote on matters presented at meetings of the Club; and
 - 4.4.3 Stand for an Election held under the authority of and in accordance with this Constitution.
- 4.6 To be an Ordinary Committee Member a person must:
 - 4.6.1 Be a Financial Member of the Club;

- 4.6.2 Have been elected to be an Ordinary Committee Member by Financial Members in an Election held under the authority of and in accordance with this Constitution;
 - 4.6.3 Comply with the provisions of this Constitution and all applicable rules, regulations, and by-laws at all times; and
 - 4.6.3 Agree to be bound by and comply with all applicable Codes of Conduct.
- 4.7 Ordinary Committee Members are, in addition to their entitlements as Financial Members, entitled to:
 - 4.7.1 Attend and hold speaking rights at meetings of the committee;
 - 4.7.2 Vote on matters presented at meetings of the committee; and
 - 4.7.3 Stand for election to become an Executive Committee Member.
- 4.8 To be an Executive Committee Member a person must, in addition to all other requirements set out in this Constitution:
 - 4.8.1 Be a Financial Member of the Club;
 - 4.8.2 Have been elected to be an Executive Committee Member by Financial Members in an Election held under the authority of and in accordance with this Constitution;
 - 4.8.3 Agree to represent the Club positively in all arenas;
 - 4.8.4 Comply with the provisions of this Constitution and all applicable rules, regulations, and by-laws at all times; and
 - 4.8.5 Agree to be bound by and comply with all applicable Codes of Conduct.
- 4.9 Executive Committee Members are, in addition to their entitlements as Financial Members and Ordinary Committee Members and other entitlements set out in this Constitution, entitled to:
 - 4.9.1 Attend and hold speaking rights at meetings of the executive committee; and
 - 4.9.2 Vote on matters presented at meetings of the executive committee.
- 4.10 The Executive Committee shall comprise of:
 - 4.10.1 The President;
 - 4.10.2 The Vice President;
 - 4.10.3 The Secretary;

- 4.10.4 The Treasurer; and
- 4.10.5 The Immediate Past President.
- 4.11 The Ordinary Committee (non-executive) shall comprise of:
 - 4.11.1 The Marketing Officer;
 - 4.11.2 The Events Officer; and
 - 4.11.3 Ordinary Committee Members who may be given specific roles as outlined in 12.3.1.
- 4.12 The be eligible to be an Associate Member a person must:
 - 4.12.1 Have purchased an annual membership to the Club; and
 - 4.12.2 Be or have been a Member of the Guild; or
 - 4.12.2 Be or have been an Associate of the Guild; or
 - 4.12.3 Be an Honorary Life Associate of the Guild; or
 - 4.12.4 Be or have been a student at the University of Western Australia.
- 4.13 Associate Members are entitled to:
 - 4.13.1 Attend meetings of the Club.
- 4.14 The Club may, in General Meeting, by two-thirds majority of those present and voting, confer Honorary Life Membership upon any member who has performed outstanding service to the Club during their tenure in office as an Ordinary Committee Member and an Executive Committee Member.
- 4.15 Members other than Financial Members shall not:
 - 4.15.1 Hold speaking rights at meetings of the Club;
 - 4.15.2 Hold voting rights at meetings of the Club;
 - 4.15.3 Nominate Candidates and be nominated as a Candidate in an Election held under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution; or
 - 4.15.4 Become or remain an Executive Committee Member of the Club, or act as such.
- 4.16 No University staff member may enlist or act as a member of the Club, Financial or otherwise.

5. Meeting of the Club

- 5.1 The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year no later than the end of the second semester of the academic year as determined by the University of Western Australia from time to time.
- 5.2 The Club shall hold no less than one Ordinary General Meeting of Members per semester of the academic year.
- 5.3 The committee may at any time call a Special General Meeting of Members.
- 5.4 The Secretary shall forthwith call a Special General Meeting of Members upon receipt of a written request from no less than 8 Financial Members or no less than 30% of all Committee Members from time to time whichever is higher.
 - 5.4.1 The Secretary must, within ten University Working Days of receiving such a written request, call a Special General Meeting of Members. If the Secretary fails to call such a meeting within the allotted time period any signatory to the written request may do so.
 - 5.4.2 Any business set out in the written request shall take priority over all other business at that Special General Meeting of Members.

6. Provisions governing general meetings of the Club

- 6.1 All General Meetings of the Club ("General Meeting"), including Annual General Meetings, Ordinary General Meetings, and Special General Meetings, shall be chaired by the President.
- 6.2 Where the President is unable to chair a General Meeting the Vice President shall do so.
- 6.3 Where neither the President nor the Vice President is able to chair a General Meeting another Executive Committee Member shall do so.
- 6.4 Where no Executive Committee Member is able to chair a General Meeting an Ordinary Committee Member may nominate to do so. This nomination may be approved by simple majority of the Financial Members present and eligible to vote at the General Meeting.

- 6.5 All reports made by Executive Committee Members for the meeting must be submitted to the Secretary no less than three University Working Days prior to the meeting.
- 6.6 All motions, minutes, and supporting documentation for consideration at a General Meeting must be submitted to the Secretary no less than five University Working Days prior to the meeting, who must prepare a formal agenda therewith.
- 6.7 An agenda for the General Meeting including reports made by Executive Committee Members for the meeting and all motions, minutes, and supporting documentation submitted to the Secretary shall be distributed via all reasonable means by the Secretary no less than three University Working Days prior to the commencement of the General Meeting.
- 6.8 Subject to 6.9 a General Meeting shall only consider business of which notice has been given on the agenda, or which arises out of minutes or reports.
- 6.9 The agenda for a General Meeting may only be altered or suspended by a Procedural Motion.
- 6.10 All Financial Members, including Ordinary Committee Members and Executive Committee Members, shall be entitled to an equal vote in all motions presented to a General Meeting.
- 6.11 Any attendee of a General Meeting deemed by simple majority of Financial Members present, including Ordinary Committee Members and Executive Committee Members, to not be in their right state of mind or deemed to be disrupting the meeting may be asked to leave the General Meeting.
- 6.12 Quorum of a General Meeting shall consist of 20% of Financial Members or 6 Financial Members whichever is higher.

7. Elections

- 7.1 No less than once per Guild Year the Club must hold an Election in which Ordinary Committee Members may stand for election to become Executive Committee members and then Financial Members may stand for election to become Ordinary Committee Members ("Election").

- 7.2 All club Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Student Guild Election Regulations and Student Guild Standing Orders.
- 7.3 All club Elections shall be conducted by optional-preferential secret ballot in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Student Guild Election Regulations.
- 7.4 All club Elections shall be supervised by a Returning Officer.
 - 7.4.1 The Returning Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
 - 7.4.2 The Returning Officer must not have a perceived or actual conflict of interest which could reasonably give rise to bias for or against any Candidate standing for election.
 - 7.4.3 The Returning Officer must not have ever been an Ordinary Committee Member or Executive Committee Member.
 - 7.4.4 The Returning Officer is responsible for ensuring the fair conduct and administration of the Election, the electoral process of ballot creation and counting, and winner declaration.
 - 7.4.5 The Returning Officer shall have the power to issue any determination in whatever terms they see fit in order to ensure the fair conduct and administration of the Election, and act on their own motion to prevent a breach or attempted breach of any applicable rule or regulation
 - 7.4.6 Where a Returning Officer contravenes any provision of any applicable rule or regulation, they may be dismissed by special resolution approved by a two-thirds majority of all active committee members.
- 7.5 Nominations shall be open for no less than five University Working Days and shall close no later than one University Working Day before the Election is to occur ("Nomination Period").
- 7.6 All Financial Members at the close of the Nomination Period shall be entitled to an equal vote in each contested position in an Election.
- 7.7 To be eligible to stand for Election a person must:
 - 7.7.1 Be a Financial Member of the Club;
 - 7.7.2 Be an enrolled UWA student, with full rights and privileges, for the twelve-month period during which they would hold office; and
 - 7.7.3 Agree to be bound by and comply with all applicable Codes of Conduct.

- 7.8 An eligible person may nominate for more than one position in the same Election, in which case they must notify the Returning Officer of the order of their preferred positions.
- 7.9 Nominations shall be in the form and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Returning Officer. By submitting a nomination, the nominee agrees to be bound by and comply with all applicable Codes of Conduct.
- 7.10 Nominations must have a proposer and a seconder to proceed. A Candidate may propose themselves provided there is a seconder of the nomination. Both the proposer and the seconder must be enrolled UWA students and Financial Members of the Club.
- 7.11 The Returning Officer may accept a nomination which, in their opinion, substantially complies with the nomination requirements. The Returning Officer may allow a Candidate to correct any Formal Defect in their nomination before the close of the Nomination Period.
- 7.12 If a nominee is ineligible to stand for election under a provision of an applicable statute, by-law, regulation, or rule the Returning Officer must declare that nomination to be invalid.
- 7.13 A person nominated as a Candidate may withdraw their nomination by lodging a written notice of withdrawal with the Returning Officer before the declaration of the results of the Election.
- 7.14 The Returning Officer shall publicise a notice containing the names of all Candidates in the Election immediately following the close of the Nomination Period.
- 7.15 Subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and standing orders, the Candidate who receives the most votes in an Election shall be elected to the relevant position. Where two or more Candidates receive an equal amount of the highest votes, another vote must be conducted with respect of those Candidates.
- 7.16 Any position left vacant at the close of the Nomination Period shall remain vacant until such time as they may be filled in accordance with the casual vacancy provisions set out in article 10.1 of this Constitution.

- 7.17 Ballot papers must be kept in accordance with the recordkeeping requirements in the Student Guild Regulations.
- 7.18 The Immediate Past President position set out in 4.9.5 is not won in an Election. The outgoing President is automatically appointed as the Immediate Past President.
- 7.19 A person may appeal the outcome of an Election to the Guild Governance Committee on the grounds that there was an error in the procedure when a vote was conducted or there was a contravention of any applicable rule, regulation, or standing order in respect of the Election. If the Governance Committee rules that the Election was not conducted in accordance with the applicable rules, regulations, or standing orders another Election must be called. The outcome of an Election may only be appealed once.

8. Patron

- 8.1 In the absence of nominations for any Ordinary or Executive Committee position, the Club's elected executive committee may appoint a temporary patron who shall hold office until the position may be elected or appointed.

9. Executive Committee

- 9.1 The Executive Committee ("Executive Committee") shall comprise of those positions set out in article 4.9 of this Constitution.
- 9.2 The Executive Committee shall actively govern the Club's direction during their term in office. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee include but are not limited to:
 - 9.2.1 Ensuring compliance with the Club's objectives as set out in articles 3.1 to 3.6 of this Constitution;
 - 9.2.2 Running at least one event per semester, in addition to an Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the Club's stated objectives and for the benefit of the Club's Financial Members;
 - 9.2.3 Liaising with the Societies Council Committee;
 - 9.2.4 Representing the Club at Societies Council General Meetings;

- 9.2.5 Overseeing the Club's Ordinary Committee Members;
- 9.2.6 Ensuring Executive Committee Members are compliant with training requirements set out by the Guild from time to time;
- 9.2.7 Ensuring that neither the Club nor any person thereunder takes any action which represses any student's implied right to academic freedom and freedom of speech;
- 9.2.8 Managing the Club's administration; and
- 9.2.9 Managing the Club's finances.
- 9.3 No Executive Committee Member may hold more than one Executive Committee position at one time, or act as such at any time.
- 9.4 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any applicable by-law, rule, or regulation the President's duties shall include but shall not be limited to:
 - 9.4.1 Supervising, coordinating, delegating, and overseeing the work of the Executive Committee Members;
 - 9.4.2 Ensuring that each Executive Committee Member is conversant with this Constitution and their respective role;
 - 9.4.3 Directing the general policy of the Club;
 - 9.4.4 Chairing all General Meetings and meetings of the committee and the Executive Committee and reporting on the status of the Executive Committee and the Club generally at all meetings;
 - 9.4.5 Serving as the main point of contact between the Club and the Societies Council Committee and the Guild; and
 - 9.4.6 Ensuring that the Club's events and committee are inclusive environments in which members and patrons may feel safe and accepted regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender presentation, and presented identity.
- 9.5 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any applicable by-law, rule, or regulation the Vice President's duties shall include but shall not be limited to:
 - 9.5.1 Supporting the President in all endeavours;

- 9.5.2 Approaching, at the beginning of their term, potential sponsors and partners for the Club;
 - 9.5.3 Serving as the main point of contact between the Club and other Affiliated Societies; and
 - 9.5.4 Ensuring, in conjunction with the President, that the Club's events and committee are inclusive environments in which members and patrons may feel safe and accepted regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender presentation, and presented identity.
- 9.6 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any applicable by-law, rule, or regulation the Secretary's duties shall include but shall not be limited to:
- 9.6.1 Preparing and keeping agendas and minutes of all club meetings;
 - 9.6.2 Managing administrative tasks related to the Club's operation;
 - 9.6.3 Supplying the Guild Finance Office with all required paperwork whenever there is a change to the Club's Executive Committee Members within twenty University Working Days of that change;
 - 9.6.4 Lodging any alterations made to this Constitution or any documents created under its authority with the Societies Council President for ratification within twenty University Working Days of that change;
 - 9.6.5 Attending Societies Council General Meetings on behalf of the Club; and
 - 9.6.6 Providing to the Societies Council Secretary, in the case that the Club disbands or otherwise ceases to exist, a duly audited statement of the financial position of the Club.
- 9.7 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any applicable by-law, rule, or regulation the Treasurer's duties shall include but shall not be limited to:
- 9.7.1 Directing the Club's financial affairs;
 - 9.7.2 Ensuring that all events hosted by the Club are financially viable;
 - 9.7.3 Keeping records of all of the Club's incomes and expenditures throughout their term;
 - 9.7.4 Paying all invoices charged to the Club in a timely manner;

- 9.7.5 Preparing a thorough budget for every event hosted by the Club;
 - 9.7.6 Preparing and submitting all required forms and receipts such that the Club may receive grants from the Societies Council Committee;
 - 9.7.7 Declaring to Guild Finance and the Societies Council Committee any donation or in-kind support received from sources other than grants provided to the Club by the Guild, regardless of the source or amount; and
 - 9.7.8 Ensuring that grants provided to the Club are used only for the purposes of providing services or amenities to the Club's membership, that all expenditure of funds received via grants complies with conditions attached to that grant, and that the Club complies with all applicable financial regulations.
- 9.8 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any applicable by-law, rule, or regulation the Marketing Director's duties shall include but shall not be limited to:
- 9.8.1 Liaising with the rest of the Executive to plan marketing schedules for events and manage the perception of CAWA
 - 9.8.2 Create marketing material for CAWA events
- 9.9 Executive Committee Members' term in office shall begin immediately following their election and shall end at the next Club Election.
10. Executive Committee Members may be impeached where the member in question has committed any act or omission which constitutes Guild misconduct, or where a vote of no confidence is approved in accordance with the procedures set out in articles 10.10.1 to 10.10.3 of this Constitution.
- 10.10.1 Where a vote of no confidence is approved by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee Members (excluding the member whose impeachment is being considered) the member in question shall be impeached.
 - 10.10.2 No less than one-third of Financial Members may call a Special General Meeting with the intent to impeach an Executive Committee Member. The member in question must be granted the opportunity to present a case for their own defence. Where two thirds of those Financial

Members present approve a vote of no confidence then the member in question shall be impeached.

10.10.3 Where a vote of no confidence is approved by no less than 60% of Ordinary Committee Members the member in question shall be impeached.

11. Casual vacancies

11.1 Where an Executive Committee Member resigns, is impeached, or ceases to hold office during their expected term for any other reason, the casual vacancy shall be filled by an Ordinary Committee Member being appointed by the remaining Executive Committee until the vacant position may be filled at an Election.

11.2 At the conclusion of the Elections if there is one or more vacant Executive Committee positions those who have been elected shall call for applications for these positions. The elected committee shall vote to accept those applicant(s) who in the view of the elected committee are able to fulfil the duties enumerated in this Constitution or any by-laws.

11.2 Where an Ordinary Committee Member resigns, ceases to hold office during their expected term for any other reason, or there is a vacancy at the close of Elections the casual vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee calling for applications for those positions. The Executive shall then appoint those that they think are able to properly fulfil the role.

12. Ordinary Committee

12.1 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any applicable by-law, rule, or regulation the Marketing Officer's duties shall include but shall not be limited to:

12.2.1 creating marketing materials, managing branding and assisting in the coordination of CAWA's social media presence;

12.2 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any applicable by-law, rule, or regulation the Events Officer's duties shall include but shall not be limited to:

12.3.1 providing general support in the running and planning of events;

- 12.3 There will also be at least 2 and at most 6 Ordinary Committee Members as determined by a vote of the Executive Committee ahead of an Election and subject to increase after 1 May by a further vote of the Executive Committee;
- 12.3.1 These Ordinary Committee Members may be given specific role descriptions from time to time as determined by the Executive Committee.

13. Non-Discrimination

- 13.1 The Club and its committee always act in a manner which gives no special treatment, favour, advantage or disadvantage to any group of people, and shall vigorously defend the right of all members to feel safe and accepted within the community.

14. Expulsion from committee

- 14.1 Any Financial, Ordinary, or Executive Committee Member who, in the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee, or a two-thirds majority opinion of the ordinary committee, contravenes article 12.1 to such an extent that the Club or another individual is directly and detrimentally harmed, may immediately have their membership revoked.
- 14.2 Any Financial, Ordinary, or Executive Committee Member who is found to be encouraging or enforcing disciplinary measures for non-participation in any sort of initiation ceremony or encourages or requires participation in any sort of initiation ceremony as a precondition of membership to the committee may immediately have their membership revoked.
- 14.3 Any Financial, Ordinary, or Executive Committee Member who is found to be taking or have taken any action which represses any student's implied right to academic freedom and freedom of speech may immediately have their membership revoked.
- 14.4 Any member, Financial, Ordinary, Executive, or Associate, only have their membership suspended or removed in accordance with articles 13.1 to 13.3 of this Constitution, or in the following circumstances:

13.4.1 They are no longer eligible to be a member under the provisions of this Constitution; or

13.4.2 They are subject to suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action by the University.

15. Power and responsibilities of the committee

15.1 Subject to other articles of this Constitution, the committee shall be responsible for:

14.1.1 Pursuing the Club's objectives set out in article 3 of this Constitution;

14.1.2 Carrying out the day-to-day business of the Club; and

15.2 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the committee shall, in cases where the committee has approved by simple majority a motion providing such authority, have the power to:

15.2.1 Acquire and dispose of property;

15.2.2 Deposit and receive sums of money;

15.2.3 Open bank accounts;

15.2.4 Enter into contracts;

15.2.5 Make, alter, and repeal regulations for the orderly and proper management of the Club's affairs, to the extent that no provision of such regulations is repugnant with this constitution; and

15.2.6 Make, alter, and repeal by-laws specifying any part of this constitution, to the extent that no provision of such by-laws is repugnant with this constitution.

15.3 Unless acting under a special enabling resolution of a general meeting, the committee shall not incur debts or liabilities on behalf of or in the name of the Club.

15.4 The Executive Committee may hold records of the Club's members, including private information as it relates to the individual's membership of the Club.

14.4.1 Records must be used only for purposes relating to the Club and its activities. The Club and its Executive Committee must protect the security and privacy of members' personal information which it holds records of.

- 15.5 The committee shall be responsible for reporting suspected Guild Misconduct in relation to the Club's Financial, Ordinary Committee, Executive Committee, Associate, or Honorary Life Members to the appropriate Guild, University, or Government authorities. The committee shall not have the power to take disciplinary action against a member of its own accord past revoking that person's membership.

16. Deposits and withdrawals of monies

- 16.1 All monies due and payable to the Club must be received by the Treasurer. In cases where the Treasurer is unable to receive the payment the President may do so on their behalf.
- 16.2 All withdrawals from the Club's bank accounts must be authorised by the Treasurer.
- 16.3 All payments from the Club's bank accounts must be authorised and processed by the Treasurer in a timely manner.

17. Payments

- 17.1 No payment shall be made on behalf of or in the name of the Club unless it has been authorised by the Treasurer or approved by simple majority by the committee.

18. Major obligations to the Guild

- 18.1 The Club shall at all times comply with all regulations and directions of the Guild and the Societies Council Committee, including but not limited to compliance with mandatory training as required by the Guild or Societies Council Committee including but not limited to Guild Student Leadership Training.
- 18.2 All Executive and Ordinary Committee Members shall be jointly and severally responsible for such compliance and shall be deemed liable in the event of noncompliance therewith.
- 18.3 An Executive Committee Member must be present at every Societies Council General Meeting hosted by the Guild.

19. Dispute resolution

- 19.1 Where a dispute arises, the parties to the dispute must attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within ten University Working Days of the dispute coming to the attention of each party.
- 19.2 If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between themselves within the time period set out in article 18.1 of this Constitution, any party to the dispute may start the dispute resolution process set out herein by providing written notice of the dispute to the parties to the dispute and to the following, who shall act as Mediator (“Mediator”) in relation to the dispute:
- 19.2.1 Where the dispute is between the Club and another Affiliated Society, the Governance Committee;
- 19.2.2 Where the dispute is with the Societies Council, the Societies Council President, or if they are unable to act, another Executive Member of the Societies Council Committee;
- 19.2.3 Where the dispute is between a Financial Member and the Club, the Executive Committee Members;
- 19.2.4 Where the dispute is between Financial Members of the Club, the Executive Committee Members;
- 19.2.5 Where the dispute is between Financial Members of the Club in respect of a Financial Member’s expulsion from Financial Membership, the Governance Committee.
- 19.3 The Mediator to a dispute must act in compliance with the articles 72 to 80 of the Societies Council Rules.

20. Transparency of documentation

- 20.1 The Secretary must, upon request, provide the minutes of any committee meeting and all records of the committee’s decisions and policy to any Financial, Ordinary Committee, or Executive Committee Member who makes such a request.
- 20.2 The Treasurer must, upon request, provide financial records of any decision, policy, or payment to any Financial, Ordinary Committee, or Executive Committee member who makes such a request.

- 20.3 The Executive Committee must, upon request, provide any record or documentation requested to any member of the Societies Council Committee Executive or Guild Executive who makes such a request.

21. Availability of this constitution

- 21.1 The committee shall make this Constitution freely available upon request to any Financial Member or Guild Member at any time.

22. Alteration of this constitution

- 22.1 Any alteration proposed to be made to this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary no less than five University Working Days before the General Meeting in which the alteration is to be proposed.
- 22.2 Any Financial Member of the Club, with a seconder (also being a Financial Member), may propose an alteration to this Constitution. Both the proposer and seconder must be present at the General Meeting at which the alteration is to be discussed.
- 22.3 Any alteration made to this Constitution must be authorised by two-thirds of the Financial Members present and eligible to vote at the General Meeting at which the alteration is to be discussed.
- 22.4 Any alteration made to this Constitution shall come into effect upon ratification by the Societies Council President.
- 22.5 This Constitution replaces all previous rules governing the administration of the Club.

23. Interpretation of this constitution

- 23.1 In the event of a contest regarding the interpretation of any part of this Constitution the contest shall be reviewed by a panel consisting of the President, Vice President, and three Ordinary Committee Members selected by the committee.
- 23.1.1 In the event that a decision of the panel is contested, a Financial Member may raise the contested part at a General Meeting, at which time the interpretation of the disputed part will be decided by simple majority.

24. Dissolution of the Club

- 24.1 In the case that the Club dissolves, disbands, or otherwise ceases to exist, if any property of the Club remains after the satisfaction of any debts or liabilities that the Club may have, that property shall be transferred into liquid assets by the Club's final Treasurer and transferred to the Societies Council Committee.

25. Adoption

- 25.1 This Constitution has been adopted by the Club at its General Meeting on

25.1.1 26 May 2026

- 25.2 This Constitution has been ratified by the Societies Council President being

25.2.1 _____ (signed) on

25.2.2 _____ (date)