

# Memorandum and Articles of Association

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of the Performing Right Society Limited

As amended on 24 May 2017



THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989 AND 2006

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
(AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)

**Memorandum**

**and**

**Articles of Association**

**of the**

**Performing Right Society Limited**

**Registered the 6th day of March 1914**

**AS AMENDED ON 24 May 2017**

Registered office  
2 PANCRAS SQUARE  
LONDON, N1C 4AG

No. 134396

**Certificate of Incorporation**

**I hereby certify** that the **Performing Right Society Limited,**  
is this day Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1908 and 1913,  
and that the Company is LIMITED.

Given under my hand at London this sixth day of March,  
One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

GEO. J. SARGENT,  
Assistant Registrar of Joint

Stock Companies

Fees and Deed Stamps £21 15s 0d.  
Stamp Duty on Capital £-

## **THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

*Company Limited by Guarantee (and not having a Share Capital).*

### **Memorandum of Association of the Performing Right Society Limited**

1. The name of the Company (which is hereinafter called "the Company") is the "Performing Right Society Limited".
2. The registered office of the Company will be situated in England.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are:-
  - (a) To exercise and enforce on behalf of Members of the Company, being the composers of any musical works or the authors of any literary or dramatic works, or the owners or publishers of or being otherwise entitled to the benefit of or interested in the copyrights in such works (hereinafter called "the proprietors") all rights and remedies of the proprietors by virtue of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended from time to time, or otherwise in respect of any exploitation of their works.
  - (b) In the exercise or enforcement of such rights and remedies to make and from time to time to rescind alter or vary any arrangements and agreements with respect to any such exploitation of such works in regard to the mode, periods or extent in for or to which and the terms on which any such exploitation of such works may be made or employed, and to collect and receive and give effectual discharges for all royalties, fees and other monies payable under any such agreements or arrangements or otherwise in respect of any such exploitation by all necessary actions or other proceedings, and to recover such royalties, fees and other monies, and to restrain and recover damages for the infringement by means of any such exploitation as aforesaid of the copyrights of such works or any other rights of the proprietors or of the Company on their behalf in respect of such works, and to release, compromise or refer to arbitration any such proceedings or actions or any other disputes or differences in relation to the premises.
  - (c) To obtain from the proprietors such assignments, assurances, powers of attorney or other authorities or instruments as may be deemed necessary or expedient for enabling the Company to exercise and enforce in its own name or otherwise all such rights and remedies as aforesaid, and to execute and do all such assurances, agreements and other instruments and acts as may be deemed necessary or expedient for the purpose of the exercise or enforcement by the Company of such rights and remedies as aforesaid.
  - (d) To make and from time to time alter or vary any rules for regulating (1) The mode in which the works of proprietors are to be communicated or declared by them to the Company; (2) The mode in which, the periods or period for which, and the conditions

under which the proprietors are to authorise the Company to exercise and enforce the rights and remedies aforesaid of the proprietors in respect of such works as aforesaid; (3) The mode and shares in which and the times at which the net monies received by the Company in respect of any such works as aforesaid are to be divided and apportioned among the proprietors interested therein respectively; (4) The provision either directly or through trusts or associations, of gratuities, donations or pensions for Members or ex-Members of the Company, or their wives, widows, families or dependants; (5) The procedures for determining complaints of breaches by Members of their obligations and of misconduct by Members affecting the Society; (6) The administration of the property or business of the Company and any matters incidental thereto; and (7) The establishing of an independent review body for hearing Members' unresolved complaints regarding the Society's administration; (8) The terms on which a Member may exclude, reserve to himself or require the assignment to him of rights in one or more of his works; and (9) The conditions under which Members are or may be authorised to grant licences for the non-commercial use(s) of one or more of their works.

- (e) To distribute the net monies received by the Company in the exercise of the foregoing powers, after making provision thereout for the expenses and liabilities of the Company incurred in such exercise or in otherwise carrying out the purposes and operations of the Company and for any contributions or payments for any of the purposes specified in the next following sub-clause hereof, amongst the proprietors entitled thereto in accordance with the rules to be for the time being in force with respect to the distribution thereof.
  
- (f)
  - (i) To grant gratuities, donations, pensions and emoluments to any Member or ex-Member of the Company or any person at any time in the employment of the Company, or engaged in any business acquired by the Company, and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such persons;
  - (ii) to establish, support subscribe to and aid in the establishment and support of funds, trusts, associations or institutions calculated to benefit Members or ex-Members of the Company or persons employed by or having dealings with the Company;
  - (iii) to subscribe money for the relief of human suffering;
  - (iv) to make payment by way of loan or gift or on such terms as may be thought fit for any purpose conducive to the improvement or advancement of the composition, teaching or performance of music, or to or for the benefit of any society, association or company whose objects shall include any such purpose, and to establish any charitable trusts, associations, companies or institutions whose objects shall include any such purpose and be exclusively charitable; and

- (v) to receive contributions, subscriptions or donations for any of the aforesaid purposes from Members of the Company, employees or others.
- (g) To carry on any business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above projects or calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the property or rights of the Company or the proprietors.
- (h) To acquire or undertake the whole or part of the business, property or liabilities of any person or company carrying on any undertaking or business which the Company is authorised to carry on or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of the Company.
- (i) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise with any person, association or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in or any business or transaction which this Company is authorised to carry on or engage in or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to amalgamate with or become affiliated to any such association or company, and to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of or otherwise assist any such person, association or company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same.
- (k) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.
- (l) To promote any company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this Company.
- (m) Generally to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real and personal property and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its undertaking or business.
- (n) To invest and deal with the monies of the Company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- (o) To lend money to such persons and on such terms as may seem expedient and in particular to Members and others having dealings with the Company, and to guarantee the performance of contracts by any such persons.
- (p) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall think fit and in particular by the

issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future), and to purchase, redeem, or pay off any such securities.

- (q) To remunerate any person or company for services rendered or to be rendered in placing or guaranteeing the placing of any debentures, debenture stock or other securities of the Company or in or about the formation or promotion of the Company or the conduct of its business.
- (r) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (s) To sell or dispose of the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company.
- (t) To adopt such means of making known the operations of the Company as may seem expedient, and in particular by advertising in the press, by circulars, by publication of books and periodicals.
- (u) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any foreign country or place.
- (v) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.
- (w) To appoint any agent or agents for the collection and recovery of any monies receivable by the Company in the exercise of its powers or otherwise for the purpose of the exercise of any of such powers.
- (ww) To receive fees.
- (wy) To charge expenses.
- (x) To do all or any of the above things in any part of the world and as principals, agents, contractors, trustees, or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.
- (y) Provided nevertheless that the objects of the Company shall not extend to any of the purposes mentioned in Section 28 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974.

4. The liability of the Members is limited.

5. Every Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a Member or within one year afterwards, for the payment of debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a Member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.



WE, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

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Names, Addresses and Descriptions of Subscribers

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WILLIAM BOOSEY, Managing Director, Chappell & Co. Ltd. 50 New Bond Street,	
WH.S.J. BOOTH (Chairman), Ascherberg, Hopwood & Crew, Ltd. 16 Mortimer Street, W	
OLIVER HAWKES, Denman Street, Piccadilly, W,	Publisher
LIONEL MONCKTON, 69 Russell Square, WC	Musical Composer
ARTHUR R. ROPES, 31 Addison Road, Kensington, W,	Author
DAVID DAY, 142 Charing Cross Road, WC,	Publisher
CHARLES VOLKERT, 48 Great Marlborough Street, W,	Publisher

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DATED the 6th day of March, 1914.

WITNESS to the above signatures -

JNO. WOODHOUSE  
Solicitor  
18 Essex Street, Strand  
London WC

## THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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### Articles of Association OF THE PERFORMING RIGHT SOCIETY LIMITED

- Definitions
1. (a) In these Articles, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:-
    - (i) "Affiliated society" means any of the societies in other countries, having objects similar to those of the Society, with which the Society is for the time being affiliated.
    - (ii) "Associate Member" means a Member of the Society elected to associate membership pursuant to Article 5, and having the rights, privileges and obligations provided for associate Members by these Articles.
    - (iii) "Author" means an author, adapter or translator of any words which are or may be associated with any music.
    - (iiiA) "Board" means the Board for the time being of the Society, as constituted and authorised to act pursuant to these Articles.
    - (iiiB) "Broadcast" has the meaning ascribed to that term in section 6(1) of the Copyright Act; and, in respect of any Musical Work, the "broadcasting right" shall be construed as follows:-
      - (a) the right to Broadcast the Work;
      - (b) all rights in the nature of such right including any modification of that right which by virtue of any present or future enactment exists or may exist;
      - (c) such rights corresponding to the rights set out in Articles 1(a)(iiiB)(a) and (b) as exist under the laws relating to copyright in all other countries in the World from time to time;
      - (d) all accrued causes of action in respect of such rights as are mentioned in Article 1(a)(iiiB)(a)-(c) (subject always to Article 10 of these Articles); and
      - (e) all parts and or shares of or interest in such right as are mentioned in Articles 1(a)(iiiB)(a)-(c).
    - (iv) (Revoked 18.5.95)
    - (ivA) "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday in England.
    - (ivB) "Category of rights" means, in respect of the rights to be administered by the Society, one or more of the categories of rights specified in Article 7(cA)(i)-(xii)
    - (v) "Companies Act" means the Companies Act 2006, as amended or re-enacted from time to time.
    - (vi) "Composer" means a composer or arranger of any music.
    - (viA) "Constitution" means the Memorandum, Articles of Association, Rules and Regulations of the Society.
    - (viB) "Copyright Act" means the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended from time to time.
    - (vii) "Director" means a member of the Board.

- (viii) "Distribution" means any distribution which may, pursuant to the Rules, be made among the Members and affiliated societies out of the monies received by the Society in respect of the exercise of the rights, licence or authority granted by them to the Society; and "distributed" and "distributable" have corresponding meanings.
- (ix) (Revoked 18.5.95)
- (x) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee for the time being of the Society, as constituted and authorised to act pursuant to these Articles.
- (xi) "Film" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 5B of the Copyright Act.
- (xii) "Film Synchronisation Right" means, in respect of any work described in Article 7(c)(ii):
  - (a) the right in any part of the world to record the work on the sound track of any film;
  - (b) all rights in the nature of the right under (a) above including any extension and modification of that right which by virtue of any present or future enactment exist or may exist;
  - (c) such corresponding rights as exist under the laws relating to copyright in all other countries in the world as in force from time to time;
  - (d) all accrued causes of action in respect of each of the rights mentioned in Article 1 (xii) (a) to (d) inclusive; and
  - (e) all parts and/or shares of or interest in each of the rights mentioned in Article 1 (xii) (a) to (c) inclusive.
- (xiii) "Full member" means a Member of the Society elected to full membership pursuant to Article 5, and having the rights, privileges and obligations provided for full Members by these Articles.
- (xiv) "Board" means the Board for the time being of the Society, as constituted and authorised to act pursuant to these Articles.
- (xivA) "Making Available", in relation to a Musical Work, has the meaning ascribed to it in section 20(2)(b) of the Copyright Act.
- (xivB) "Making Available Right" means, in respect of a Musical Work:-
  - (a) the right of Making Available the Work to the public;
  - (b) all rights in the nature of such right including any modification of that right which by virtue of any present or future enactment exists or may exist;
  - (c) such corresponding rights as exist under the laws relating to copyright in all other countries in the World from time to time;
  - (d) all accrued causes of action in respect of such rights as are mentioned in Article 1(xivB)(a)-(c) (subject always to Article 10 of these Articles); and
  - (e) all parts and or shares of or interest in such right as are mentioned in Articles 1(xivB)(a)-(c).

- (xv) "Member" means and includes full Member, associate Member and provisional Member.
- (xvi) "Membership" means membership of the Society.
- (xvii) "Musical Work", without prejudice to the generality of the expression includes:-
  - (a) any part of a musical work,
  - (b) any vocal or instrumental music recorded on the soundtrack of any film,
  - (c) any musical accompaniment to non-musical plays,
  - (d) any words or music of monologues having a musical introduction or accompaniment,
  - (e) any other words (or part of words) which are associated with a musical work even if the musical work itself is not in copyright, or even if the performing rights in the musical work are not administered by the Society.
- (xviiA) "Officer of the Society" means the President, any Director or Consultant Director, and the Chief Executive and the Secretary for the time being of the Society.
- (xviiB) "Online " means in relation to the mobile telephone and online usage of any Musical Work, the communication of the Work to the public as part of the process by which such Work (with or without any associated data) is exploited in the following manner, whether this occurs through downloading, streaming or otherwise:-
  - (a) a recording or reproduction of the Musical Work is stored on a data storage medium; and
  - (b) the recording or reproduction is made available for transmission, distribution or other dissemination to users by means of cable and/or wireless telecommunication or computer network; and
  - (c) a copy of the recording or reproduction is delivered to the user by such means after the user has accessed the relevant service which make available copies of the stored recording or reproduction in such a manner that:
    - (i) the recordings or reproductions reside on the user's data storage medium (either temporarily or permanently) and may be accessed in the future by the user (whether or not for a limited period (otherwise known as "downloading")); or
    - (ii) the user is only able to access the recording or permanent copies reside on the users data storage medium following such delivery (otherwise known as "streaming").
- (xviiC) "Online Right" means, in respect of a Musical Work:-
  - (a) the right to communicate the Work to the public Online and which is not excepted, or in so far as it is not excepted by or under Article 1(a)(xviiD);
  - (b) all rights in the nature of such right including any modification of that right which by virtue of any present or future enactment exists or may exist;
  - (c) such corresponding rights as exist under the laws relating to copyright in all other countries in the World from time to time;

- (d) all accrued causes of action in respect of such rights as are mentioned in Article 1(xviiC)(a)-(c) (subject always to Article 10 of these Articles); and
  - (e) all parts and or shares of or interest in such right as are mentioned in Articles 1(xviiC)(a)-(d).
- (xviiD) Excepted from the scope of the Online Right is the broadcasting right in so far as it includes the right immediately on reception of a wireless broadcast of the Work to retransmit the Work by cable in the area for which the wireless broadcast was made (known as "simulcasting").
- (xviii) "Performance" includes, unless otherwise stated, any mode of acoustic presentation, including any such presentation by means of a sound recording, film, communication to the public, or by any other means, and references to "perform" and "performing" shall be construed accordingly.
- (xix) "Performing right" means, in respect of any work:
- (a) the right to perform the work in public;
  - (b) the right to communicate the work to the public;
  - (c) all rights in the nature of the rights under (a) and (b) above including any extension or modification of those rights which by virtue of any present or future enactment exist or may exist;
  - (d) such corresponding rights as exist under the laws relating to copyright in all other countries in the world as in force from time to time;
  - (e) all accrued causes of action in respect of each of the rights mentioned in Article 1 (xix) (a) to (e) inclusive; and
  - (f) all parts and/or shares of or interest in each of the rights mentioned in Article 1(xix) (a) to (d) inclusive.
- (xx) "Proprietor" means a proprietor of any right which may be administered by the Society in any music or in any words which are or may be associated with any music.
- (xxi) "Provisional Member" means a Member of the Society elected to provisional membership pursuant to Article 5, and having the rights, privileges and obligations provided for provisional Members by these Articles.
- (xxii) "Publisher" means a publisher of any music or of any words which are or may be associated with any music.
- (xxiii) "Rules" mean the Rules from time to time made for the purposes mentioned in Clause 3(d) of the Memorandum of Association.
- (xxiv) "Seal" means the common seal of the Society.
- (xxv) "Secretary" means any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Society.
- (xxvi) "Society" means the Performing Right Society Limited.
- (xxvii) "Successor" means any person eligible for membership under Article 4(b).
- (xxviii) Words importing the singular number include the plural number, and vice versa.
- (xxix) Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine.

- (xxx) Words importing persons include corporations.
- (xxxi) Words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act, or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date at which these Articles become binding on the Society.
- (xxxii) "Writer" means a composer or author.
- (xxxiii) "United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- (xxxiv) "User-owned publisher" means:-
  - (a) any company in which more than fifty per cent of the shareholding is owned or controlled by persons whose main business or a substantial part thereof consists in any activity requiring a licence from the Society or from any of its affiliated societies; or
  - (b) any firm in which more than fifty per cent of the assets are owned or controlled by persons whose main business or a substantial part thereof consists in any activity requiring a licence from the Society or from any of its affiliated societies.
- (xxxv) (Revoked 18.5.95)

Interpretation

- (b) In these Articles expressions referring to writing shall be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.
- (c) Any marginal notes which may be reproduced with these Articles do not form part of these Articles, and shall have no bearing on the interpretation thereof.
- (d) Any question as to whether or not a publisher is user-owned for the purposes of these Articles shall be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion. Provided that on any such question no Director nominated by a publisher which is user-owned (including the Director nominated by the publisher which has given rise to the question) shall vote, and if he does so vote, his vote shall not be counted.
- (e) Any reference in these Articles to "employ of the Society" shall be deemed to include a reference to "employ of PRS for Music Limited."
- (f) Any reference in these Articles to "communication to the public" shall be deemed to be a reference to that term as it is defined in the Copyright Act; and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Articles shall affect or be construed as affecting the right of the owner of the copyright in a work to copy or to authorise the copying of the work on or in connection with the making and/or reception of the communication of that work to the public.

## MEMBERSHIP

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| Numbers Unlimited   | 2. For the purpose of registration of the Society the number of Members is declared to be unlimited.   |
| Who are Members   | 3. The Members of the Society are:-<br>(a) all persons who are Members at the time these Articles become binding upon the Society, and<br>(b) any person who is admitted to membership pursuant to Article 5.  |
| Eligibility for membership                                | 4. The following persons shall be eligible for admission to membership of the Society:-<br>(a) any writer, publisher or proprietor;<br>(b) any spouse, child or other relative, next of kin, beneficiary in respect of the performing right in works of a deceased writer, or personal representative or trustee of any deceased writer, publisher or proprietor, or of any deceased Member.   |
| Applications, categories of qualifications for membership | 5. (a) Any person who is eligible may apply to the Society for admission to membership. Such applications shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, and shall be in such form as the Board shall from time to time prescribe. PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT the form of such application shall contain such wording to as to enable the applicant to specify: (i) each Category of rights which he wishes to authorise the Society to manage; and (ii) the territory or territories for which he wishes to authorise the Society to manage the aforementioned Category of rights in his works. Each applicant shall submit such evidence of eligibility and fulfilment of the qualifying criteria as the Board considers to be reasonably necessary.<br><br>(b) Each application shall be considered by the Board or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time direct.<br><br>(c) There shall be three categories of Members, namely:-<br>(i) provisional Members<br>(ii) associate Members<br>(iii) full Members.<br><br>(d) No person may be admitted by the Board as a Member of any category unless he has fulfilled the qualifying criteria prescribed for that category save that the Board may, in its discretion at any time admit any person who is eligible for membership to any category of Member notwithstanding that he has not fulfilled the qualifying criteria for that category if the Board is satisfied that there are special circumstances, in view of which it would be in the interests of the Society for that person to be so admitted. |

- (e) The qualifying criteria for each category of Member shall be prescribed from time to time by the Board and in the case of associate and full Members, shall be approved by the Society in General Meeting.  
As soon as practicable after any qualifying criteria have been prescribed and, where necessary, approved, the Board shall cause them to be made publicly available by the Society on its website.
- (f) Subject to this article the promotion to associate or full membership respectively of existing provisional Members or of associate Members who have fulfilled the relevant qualifying criteria for such promotion shall take place as soon as practicable after the commencement of each calendar year.
- (g) For the purpose of this article the Board shall cause a statement to be prepared as soon as possible after the commencement of each calendar year containing the names of all provisional Members who have fulfilled the qualifying criteria for promotion to associate Membership and of all associate Members who have fulfilled the qualifying criteria for promotion to full Membership.  
The Board shall examine the list and when satisfied that it is correct shall certify that the persons named thereon have been duly promoted to associate or full Membership as the case may be.
- (h) Every person who has
  - (i) been admitted to membership, or
  - (ii) who has been subsequently promoted to another category of membership
 shall have issued to him, on written request, a certificate as to his membership in such form, and signed by such officer of the Society, as the Board shall from time to time prescribe.

Rights and duties of membership

- 6. (a) Save as hereinafter provided a provisional Member and an associate Member shall have the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same obligations as a full Member.
- (b) Provisional Members shall not be entitled to receive notice of, or attend or vote at general meetings.

Assignment of Rights

- 7. (a) Every Member shall, on election, or at any time thereafter if requested by the Society, assign or cause to be assigned to the Society all rights to be administered on his behalf by the Society in accordance with the following provisions of this Article.



- b) Subject to the following provisions of the Article, the rights to be administered by the Society on behalf of a Member are: -
- (i) the performing right;
  - (ii) in the case of writer Members only, the film synchronisation right in every work composed or written by the Member primarily for the purpose of being recorded on the soundtrack of a particular film or films in contemplation when such work was commissioned;
  - (iii) such other rights, or such parts of the rights mentioned in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), as the Board may direct, for the whole world or such part or parts of the whole world as the Board may direct, in all or any works or parts of works, present and future, of which the Member is the writer, publisher or proprietor.
- (c) Every assignment to the Society pursuant to this Article shall be in such form as the Board may from time to time prescribe and shall operate for and during the period of the assignor's membership, subject to the provisions of Articles 9, 10 and 10A.

Provided always that any assignment to the Society

- (i) of the film synchronisation right shall expressly provide that the Society will at any time at the request of the composer or author of the work assign or license the film synchronisation right in the work to the film producer or any other person who commissioned the composition or writing thereof provided that the Society shall have obtained from the producer of the film on the soundtrack of which the work is to be reproduced an agreement in a form satisfactory to the Society providing payment to the Society of such fees either by way of a lump sum payment or share of receipts or royalties or otherwise as the Society may require in respect of any exhibition of any film embodying the work in cinemas (motion picture theatres) in the U.S.A;
  - (ii) shall specify the Categories of rights to be assigned by the Member to the Society.
- (cA) Each member may on admission exclude (subject to the Rules) and may at any time after admission require (subject to Article 9(f) and the Rules) the Society to assign to him one or more of the following Categories of rights in all of his works:-
- (i) the live public performance right;
  - (ii) the audio broadcasting right (other than the Online Right);
  - (iii) the public performing right of audio broadcast works;
  - (iv) the televising (audio-visual) broadcasting right (other than the Online Right) right;

- (v) the public performing right of televised works;
  - (vi) the right of public performance by means of the theatrical exhibition of a film;
  - (vii) the public performing right of mechanically reproduced (sound bearing copies) works;
  - (viii) the film synchronisation right;
  - (ix) the public performing right of works reproduced on video tape;
  - (x) the Online Right except for the Making Available Right;
  - (xi) the Making Available Right;
  - (xii) the exploitation rights resulting from technical developments or future change in the law.
- (cB) The Categories of rights referred to in Article 7(cA) shall be subject to such Rules as may from time to time be made by the Society in general meeting PROVIDED ALWAYS that it shall not be a condition of such exclusion or assignment that the Member entrust the management of the Categories of rights to another Affiliated Society. The Member shall be entitled to receive sums to which he would have been entitled in accordance with the Rules in respect of any period prior to assignment to him of the Category of rights concerned and in relation to such entitlement to such other rights as he shall be entitled to retain under any laws made pursuant to Directive 2014/26/EU of 26 February 2014 on collective management of copyright and related rights.
- (d) Pending the assignment of rights to the Society pursuant to this Article, every Member by virtue of his election grants to the Society, for and during the period of membership, subject to the provisions of Articles 9, 10 and 10A, in his name or in that of the Society but at the Society's sole charge and expense, the sole power and authority:-
- (i) to authorise or permit or forbid the exercise of the rights to be administered by the Society on behalf of the Member;
  - (ii) to grant licences on his behalf for the exercise of such rights;
  - (iii) to collect fees, subscriptions, or monies whether for the authorised use of any of the Member's works, or by way of damages or compensation for the unauthorised use of such works;
  - (iv) to institute and prosecute proceedings against all persons infringing the said rights and, if the Society in its discretion thinks fit, to defend or oppose any proceedings taken against any Member in respect of such rights and to compound, compromise, refer to arbitration or submit to judgement in any such proceedings, and generally to represent the Member in all matters concerning the said rights.

- (v) to protect generally the said rights in the Member's works; and
- (vi) to delegate authority to do any acts as aforesaid to any affiliated society and to any agent or representative in territories overseas, for the purpose of exercising the said rights in such territories.

- (e) The Society may exercise and enforce the rights of Members of any affiliated societies pursuant to the terms of any contract now existing or which may hereafter be made between the Society and such affiliated societies.
- (f) The Society may, by notice in writing to any Member, decline to exercise the whole or any part of the performing right in any particular work or works of which such Member is the composer, author, publisher or proprietor, and thereupon the provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (d) of this Article shall cease to apply to such right, and any assignment thereof already made to the Society by such Member shall be determined by the Society. Provided always that the Society may at any time, and from time to time, by further notice in writing to such Member, withdraw such notice in respect of all or any of the rights comprised therein, whereupon the provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (d) of this Article shall again apply to such right or rights.
- (g) Any member may (subject to compliance by such member with the Rules) require the Society to assign to the member in respect of each work (the performing right in which has been assigned to the Society by such member as the composer, author, publisher or proprietor of such work) the right publicly to perform live such work.
- (h) Subject to the Rules, every Member shall be entitled to grant licences for the non-commercial use(s) of one or more of the works of which that Member is the composer, author, publisher or proprietor. The Board shall by notice in writing, general or specific, specify the non-commercial uses in respect of which the Member is authorised to grant licences under this Article.

Membership  
not  
transferable

- 8. (a) Subject to Article 7(h), no Member shall be at liberty to (i) transfer his membership to any other person; or (ii) to alienate or exercise the rights to be administered by the Society on behalf of the Member.

(b) No Member shall enter into any contract under which he shall or may be required, whether for valuable consideration or not, to write or compose any work for any person whether as employer or otherwise, without inserting in such contract an express provision reserving to such Member the rights to be administered by the Society on behalf of the Member.

Termination  
of  
membership  
by  
- death

9. (a) On the death of the Member his membership shall cease and shall not be transmitted to any other person, but the rights (if any) already vested in the Society by the Member, or controlled by the Society by virtue of his membership, shall subject to Article 85, remain so vested or controlled:-

- (i) for a period ending either on the 31st day of December in the seventh year following the year in which the member's death took place unless within that period an election as mentioned in the following paragraphs (ii) and (iii) takes place, or
- (ii) if a successor shall be elected to membership during such period, then for so long as such successor remains a Member, or
- (iii) if a person is elected during such period to membership of an affiliated society in respect of the rights of the deceased Member, then up to the date of such election.

Any payment to which the Member would, if living, have been entitled in accordance with the Rules in respect of any period prior to the election of such successor shall be made to the Member's personal representative until a successor is elected, or until the end of such seventh year as aforesaid, whichever is the earlier date. Upon the election to membership of any successor as aforesaid, any payment to which the Member would, if living, have been entitled in accordance with the Rules in respect of any period subsequent to such election shall be made to such successor.

- by  
liquidation

(b) In the case of a Member, being a Limited Company or a firm, its membership shall cease, in the case of a Limited Company, in the event of and upon the liquidation of such Limited Company (other than voluntary liquidation for the purpose of reconstruction), and, in the case of a firm, in the event of and upon such firm ceasing to carry on business. Upon such liquidation or cessation of business, the rights (if any) already vested in the Society by such Limited company or firm, or controlled by the Society by virtue of the membership of such Limited Company or firm, shall subject to Article 85, remain so vested or controlled for a period ending on the 31st day of December in the seventh year following the year in which the liquidation or cessation of business occurred.

- by expiry of copyright
- (c) The membership of any member shall ipso facto cease:-
- (i) upon the expiration of the longest period for which copyright subsists by virtue of statute in any country which is either a member of the Berne Union or a party to the Universal Copyright Convention in any of the works in respect of which such member is entitled to participate in distributions, or
- (ii) in the case of any Member, being an executor or administrator, upon his having disposed of all interest in all performing rights which may have vested in him as such executor or administrator.
- by disposal of interest
- (d) The membership of a provisional Member may at any time be terminated on reasonable notice, either by the Board or in accordance with such general directions as the Board may from time to time give.
- (e) Any full or associate Member may, pursuant to such directions and/or procedures as the Board may from time to time publish to the membership, be given notice by the Board determining his membership at the expiration of three months from the date of such notice, and his membership shall cease accordingly. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Secretary or other officer designated by the Board.
- by the Board
- (f) Subject to the Rules and Article 9(g), any member may:-
- (i) by giving not less than three months' written notice to the Society, require the Society to assign to him one or more of the Categories of rights listed in Article 7(cA);
- (ii) by giving not less than three months' prior written notice to the Society, terminate his membership.
- (g) The Board may at its absolute discretion resolve the notice referred to in Article 9(f) shall only take effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December immediately following the giving of such notice provided that the Board shall as soon as is practicable supply the member with written reasons for so resolving.
- by the Member
10. If any proceedings have been instituted by or against the Society in respect of a Member's works, either in the name of the Society or of the Member, and such Member ceases to be a Member during the pendency of the proceedings, any rights the subject of such proceedings which have been vested in the Society by such Member, or are controlled by the Society by virtue of his membership, shall remain so vested or controlled until such proceedings are finally disposed of.
- Pending proceedings - continuation of rights

10A. If under the terms of any royalty advance or similar scheme operated by the Society for the benefit of Members or under any other agreement between the Member and the Society, the Society is entitled to collect and retain a specified amount from out of any sums that would otherwise be payable by way of distribution to a Member ("the Specified Amount"), and such Member ceases to be a Member before the Society shall have collected and retained the Specified Amount, any rights which have been vested in the Society by such Member, or are controlled by the Society by virtue of his Membership, shall, unless the Board shall have first agreed, remain so vested or controlled until the Society has collected and retained the Specified Amount.

Cessation of membership - termination of rights, privileges etc.

11. (a) Subject to the provisions of sub-clause (b) and Articles 9, 10, 10A and 11A, all rights, privileges and obligations of membership shall cease on the date of cessation of membership.

(b) Without prejudice to the generality of Article 11(a), the Member concerned shall cease to have any claim upon the assets of the Society, and shall not be entitled to participate in any further distributions, save as to any payment to which he may be entitled in accordance with the Rules in respect of any period prior to cesser of membership and in relation to such entitlement to such other rights as he shall be entitled to retain under any laws made pursuant to Directive 2014/26/EU of 26 February 2014 on collective management of copyright and related rights.

11A On the bankruptcy of a writer member or the liquidation (if a Limited Company) or cessation of business (if a firm) of a publisher member any payment from the Society to which such Member would otherwise have been entitled shall be made to the person entitled for the time being to receive debts due to such Member and any existing direction given by such Member to the Society to make payments to any other person shall cease to have effect.

11B (a) The Board may require each member to pay to the Society an annual membership fee ("the annual fee").

(b) The Board may charge each member the annual fee in such manner (including, without limitation, by deducting such fee from any monies distributable to such member) and at such rate as the Board may from time to time determine, provided that such rate is reasonable in the circumstances.

(c) The Board may place any member who has not paid the annual fee into the category of provisional member, and the Secretary shall give notice to such member of such placement.

- (d) Any member who does not pay the annual fee shall not be entitled to receive any publications from the Society.
- 11C
- (a) The Board may require each member to pay to the Society any expenses incurred by the Society at such member's written request in relation to:-
    - (i) any right not vested in the Society by such member or
    - (ii) any right assigned back by the Society to such member or (iii) any notice issued to such Member pursuant to Article 7(h) ("special expenses").
  - (b) The Board may charge each member special expenses in such manner (including, without limitation, by deducting such expenses from any monies distributable to such member) and at such rates as the Board may from time to time determine provided that such rates are reasonable in the circumstances.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- Annual General Meeting 12. The Society shall in each year hold a General Meeting as its Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other meetings in that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it; and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of the Society and that of the next. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall appoint.
- Extraordinary General Meetings 13. All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
- Right to convene Extraordinary General Meetings 14. The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or in default, may be convened by such requisitionists, as Section 302 of the Companies Act provides. If at any time there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient Directors capable of acting to form a quorum any Director or any two full Members may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Board.

## **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- Notice of General Meeting 15. All General Meetings of the Society, including the Annual General Meeting, shall be called by at least fourteen days' notice in writing or in any other manner permitted by the Companies Act. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of that business, and shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Society in General Meeting, to such Members as are, under these Articles, entitled to receive such notices from the Society.
- Accidental omission of notice 16. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any Member entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

## **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- Business of General Meetings 17. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting, and also all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the consideration of the accounts and balance sheets, the reports of the Board and Auditors, the appointment of Directors in the place of those retiring, and the appointment, and fixing of the remuneration, of the Auditors.



Quorum	18.	No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, ten full Members present in person shall be a quorum.
Adjournment for lack of quorum	19.	If, within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day and to such other time and place as the Board may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the full Members present shall be a quorum.
Chairman at General Meetings	20.	The Chairman of the Board shall preside as chairman at every General Meeting of the Society, failing whom the longest serving Deputy-Chairman, failing whom the Deputy-Chairman. If none of them is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or none of them is willing to act as chairman, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
Choice of Chairman by Members	21.	If at any meeting no Director is willing to act as chairman, or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the full Members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
Adjournment of meeting	22.	The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
Method of voting	23.	(a) At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:- (i) by the chairman of the meeting; or (ii) by at least three full or associate Members present in person or by proxy; or

(iii) by any full or associate Member or Members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total votes of all full and associate Members which such Members may cast on a poll.

(b) Unless a poll be so demanded, a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book, containing the minutes of proceedings of the Society, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, such resolution.

(c) The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

Poll 24. Except as provided in Article 26, if a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

Chairman - casting vote 25. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place, or at which the poll is demanded, shall, subject to Article 37, be entitled to a second or casting vote.

Time for taking poll 26. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman of a meeting, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the chairman of the meeting directs; and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.

26A (Revoked 18.9.98)

### **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

Votes of full and associate Members 27. (a) On a show of hands every associate Member and every full Member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote.

(b) On a poll or on a postal ballot to determine the eligibility of a Director for appointment held under Article 59(b)(iii):-

(i) every associate Member shall have one vote;

(ii) every full Member shall have ten votes, and if qualified therefor in accordance with the provisions of this Article, an additional ten votes.

- (c) Each full Member who has either:-
- (i) been a Member for a continuous period of not less than twenty calendar years and during the immediately preceding twenty years had received in aggregate by way of distributions from the Society an amount which is not less than ten times the amount which on the immediately preceding 31st December was the annual financial qualifying criterion for admission to full membership, or
  - (ii) being a Member for not less than two calendar years and during the immediately preceding two years had received in aggregate by way of distributions from the Society an amount which is not less than twenty times the amount which on the immediately preceding 31st December was the annual financial qualifying criterion for admission to full membership,

shall, subject to paragraphs (b)-(f) of this Article, be entitled to ten additional votes. Provided that for the purposes of this Article:

- (a) reference in (i) and (ii) to any period of membership ("Relevant Period") shall be deemed to include a reference to any period during which the member was a member of an Affiliated society;
- (b) the aggregate sums referred to in (i) and (ii) above shall:
  - (a) in the case of a writer or a publisher Member be computed by reference only to distributions made by the Society in respect of membership as writer or publisher as the case may be, and
  - (b) in the case of a successor Member may include distributions made by the Society in respect of each membership of which the Member is the successor, and
  - (c) in the case of a writer or publisher Member who at any time during the Relevant Period was a member of an Affiliated society shall be deemed to include distributions made by the Society during that period to the Affiliated society in respect of any works of which the Member is the writer or publisher as the case may be.

- (d) As soon as practicable after the first day of January in each year the Secretary shall cause to be prepared and submitted to the Society's Auditors a list containing the name of each full member whose aggregate receipts from the Society during the immediately preceding twenty years, or during the immediately preceding two years as the case may be, was such as to entitle the member to additional votes under the provisions of this Article.
- (e) As soon as the list has been certified as correct by the Auditors pursuant to this article the Secretary shall notify in writing each full member whose name is on the list. As soon as each succeeding list has been certified by the Auditors pursuant to this Article the Secretary shall notify each full member whose name was on the immediately preceding list but whose name is not on the latest list that, in accordance with the provisions of this Article, the member is no longer entitled to additional votes.
- (f) Each full member whose name is on a list certified by the Auditors pursuant to the article may cast the ten additional votes on a poll at any general meeting or in any postal ballot to determine the eligibility of a Director for appointment held under Article 59 (b) (iii) which takes place during the currency of that list.
- (g) Subject to paragraph (h) of this Article any member shall be entitled:-
  - (i) to inspect the list of full members entitled to additional votes during the normal business hours on any day when the offices of the Society are open;
  - (ii) to be supplied by the Secretary as soon as practicable with a copy of the list on payment to the Society of a sum calculated at the rate prescribed from time to time under the Companies Acts in respect of the provision of copies of a Company's register of Members.
- (h) The information in the list of full Members entitled to additional votes is confidential to the Members of the Society and a Member who has inspected the list or has been supplied with a copy of the list shall not disclose any information on the list to any person who is not a Member.

Members of  
unsound  
mind

- 28. A Member of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any Court having jurisdiction in lunacy, may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee, receiver, *curator bonis*, or other person in the nature of a committee, receiver, or *curator bonis* appointed by that Court, and any such committee, receiver, *curator bonis*, or other person may, on a poll, vote by proxy.

Votes on a poll	29. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
Proxy instrument	30. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or of his attorney duly authorised in writing; or, if the appointer is a Limited Company, either under the common seal, or the hand of an officer thereof duly authorised; or, if the appointer is a firm, under the hand of a partner in the firm, or their attorney duly authorised.
Deposit of proxy	31. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, shall be deposited at the registered office of the Society, or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than forty-eight hours (excluding days that are not Business Days) before the time for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or in the case of a poll taken more than forty-eight hours (excluding days that are not Business Days) after it was demanded, not less than twenty-four hours (excluding days that are not Business Days) before the time appointed for taking the poll; and, in default, the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.
Deposit of proxy by electronic means	<p>31A. Where the Society has given an electronic address in:</p> <p>(a) a notice convening a General Meeting of the Society; or</p> <p>(b) an invitation to appoint a proxy issued by the Society in relation to a General Meeting of the Society,</p> <p>then an appointment of a proxy in relation to that meeting and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which the appointment is made (or a duly certified copy of that power or authority) or any other document relating to proxies for that meeting may be sent by electronic means to that electronic address (subject to any conditions or limitations specified in the notice of the meeting) if the document is received at such electronic address not less than forty-eight hours (excluding days that are not Business Days) before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.</p>
Form of proxy	32. An instrument appointing a proxy may be in the usual form, or in such form as the Board may approve, and shall be deemed to confer on the person so appointed authority to exercise the same powers on behalf of the member who appoints him as that member could exercise if he were to attend the General Meeting concerned, including the authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.

- Revocation  
etc  
of proxy.
33. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation as aforesaid shall have been received by the Society at its registered office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used.
- Corporations'  
representati-  
ves
34. Any Limited Company or firm which is a full or associate Member of the Society may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any General Meeting of the Society, and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Company which he represents as that Company could exercise if it were an individual full or associate Member of the Society as the case may be.

## THE BOARD

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| Composition of Board                     | 35. | (a) | The Board shall consist of not more than 27 Directors in all (excluding Presidents of Honour, Consultant Directors and Honorary Members of the Board hereinafter mentioned, who shall not, except as mentioned in Article 39, be deemed to be Members of the Board), of whom not more than eleven shall be publishers, and not more than eleven shall be writers. The Directors shall be the persons who immediately prior to the adoption of these Articles constituted the Board.   |
|  |     | (b) | (Revoked 12.9.97)   |
| External Directors                       |     | (c) | The Board may propose to the Society in Annual General Meeting the confirmation of appointment as directors of not more than two persons who are neither members of, nor in the employ of the Society, nor directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the Society as specified under Article 56(a)(viii). These Directors shall retire from office at the third Annual General Meeting following that at which they were last appointed.  |
| Executive Directors                      |     | (d) | The Board may propose to the Society in Annual General Meeting the confirmation of appointment as directors of not more than three persons who are Senior Executives in the employ of the Society. These Directors shall retire from office at the third Annual General Meeting following that at which they were last appointed.   |
| President                                | 36. |     | <p>The Society may in a general meeting elect a President of the Society provided that no person shall be elected as President unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) he is a full member, and</li><li>(b) has been proposed for election as President by the Board.</li></ul> <p>Any person who may be elected as President of the Society shall be subject to the same provisions as to retirement, resignation and removal as the Directors.</p>  |
| President of Honour and Honorary Members | 37. | (a) | The Board may also elect as President of Honour on such terms as it shall deem expedient a retiring President to whose long and valuable services it desires to give special recognition. The Board may also elect as Honorary Members of the Board retiring Directors whom it desires to honour for similar reasons. Save as hereinafter provided such elections shall be at the entire discretion of the Board, and shall be for life, subject to Article 60 hereof: provided that no person shall be so elected as an Honorary |

Member who has served either as a Director or Consultant Director for less, in aggregate, than ten years, or as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board for less than five years.

- (b) The President and Presidents of Honour shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, and of any other Committee of the Board; the Honorary Members of the Board shall have the right to attend all such meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee or of any Committee of the Board as they have been invited to attend by the Chairman of the Board or the Executive Committee as the case may be or of the Committee in question. Except in the case of a President who is a Director, no person attending a meeting of the Board, Executive Committee or other Committee thereof pursuant to this Article shall have any voting rights at the meeting, provided that any such person who may be elected Chairman of the Board and or of the Executive Committee and or of any Committee shall have the customary Chairman's casting vote.

Consultant  
Directors

38. Consultant Directors may be appointed by the Board on such terms and for such period as it shall deem expedient.

Chairman  
and  
Deputy  
Chairmen of  
Board

39. (a) The Chairman and two Deputy Chairmen of the Board shall be appointed by the Board. The Chairman shall be appointed from persons who are Directors or Honorary Members of the Board, or a President of Honour. One of the Deputy Chairmen shall be appointed from persons who are Writer Directors and the other from persons who are Publisher Directors.
- (b) The Chairman shall be appointed for a term not exceeding three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term not exceeding three years, save that any person who has served as Chairman for a continuous period of six years shall not be eligible for re-appointment until three further years have elapsed. Each Deputy Chairman shall be appointed for a term not exceeding two years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for two further terms, each not to exceed two years, save that any person who has served as a Deputy Chairman for a continuous period of six years shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two further years have elapsed.
- (c) Any person who may be appointed as Chairman or Deputy Chairman shall not, while he continues to hold one of these offices, be subject to retirement under Article 57 but he shall be subject to the same provisions as to resignation and removal as the other Directors.



- Directors' remuneration and expenses
- 40.
- (d) On the termination of office as Chairman or Deputy Chairman, the Director shall retire at the next annual general meeting immediately following the termination his office, at which meeting he can be validly proposed for re-appointment as a Director in accordance with the provisions of Article 59.
  - (a) Each publisher Director and writer Director (other than the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen) shall be entitled to such remuneration as the Society may from time to time determine in General Meeting and, unless otherwise provided, the remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.
  - (b) The President and each Director shall be entitled to receive for each meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee, or any other Committee of the Board, which he attends a fee amounting to such sum as the Society may from time to time determine in General Meeting.
  - (c) Any sum determined by the Society in General Meeting from time to time under Article 40(a) ("base fee") or 40(b) ("base remuneration") shall for each subsequent calendar year be adjusted by the percentage change over the previous calendar year in the Retail Price Index, which change shall be calculated by reference to the proportion which the Retail Price Index published in the month of December immediately preceding each such year bears to the Retail Price Index so published for the previous year provided that nothing in this Article shall operate so as to restrict or otherwise prejudice the right of the Society in General Meeting to determine from time to time the base fee and/or base remuneration.
  - (d) The Board may remunerate in such manner as it thinks fit the President, the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Board. The Board may also remunerate a President of Honour, any Director, or an Honorary Member of the Board, who shall be called upon to render any special services and which he may agree to render to the Society, or who shall have rendered any special services to the Society.
  - (e) The President, Presidents of Honour, Directors and Honorary Members of the Board shall also be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Board, Executive Committee or any other Committee of the Board, or General Meetings of the Society, or in connection with the Society's business.

Eligibility for  
appointment  
as Director

41. (a) Subject to Article 35 and paragraph (b) of this Article, no person who is not a full Member shall be appointed or act as a Director, except in the capacity of Consultant Director.
- (b) Subject to paragraph (c) of this Article, in the case of a Limited Company or firm being a full Member there may be appointed as a Director pursuant to Articles 58, 61 or 62 any person being either an executive director, proprietor, partner, principal shareholder, or manager or other officer in the employment of such a Limited Company or firm, notwithstanding that such person is not himself a Member and is not as such eligible for appointment as a Director, unless there is already in office as a Director (writer or publisher) a person who (in any of the above capacities) represents or is in the employment of the same Limited Company or firm, or another Limited Company or firm in the same group.
- (c) No such person being or representing a Member qualifying for membership under Article 4(b) shall be eligible for appointment as a Director except in the capacity of Consultant Director.
- 41A (a) For the purposes of this Article, a "writer corporation" means and includes any full member being a limited company or firm that is by virtue of an agreement with a writer the proprietor of the performing right or any interest therein, but does not include a publisher.
- (b) Subject to paragraph (c) of this Article, no person who is not a writer shall be appointed to act as a writer Director except in the capacity of Consultant Director.
- Subject to paragraph (c) of Article 41, in the case of a writer corporation, there may be appointed as a Director pursuant to Articles 58, 61 or 62 a person not being a writer, who is either an executive director, proprietor partner, principal shareholder or manager or other officer in the employment of such corporation, notwithstanding that such person is not himself a member and is not as such eligible for appointment as a Director, unless there is already in office as a Director (writer or publisher) a person who(in any of the above capacities) represents or is in the employment of the same corporation, or another company or firm in the same group.
42. (Revoked 28.06.07)

## POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

General powers vested in Board

43. The business and operations of the Society shall be conducted and managed by the Board, who may exercise all such powers of the Society as are not, by the Companies Act, or by these Articles, or otherwise by law, required to be exercised by the Society in General Meeting, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the Companies Act or of these Articles, and to such regulations, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid provisions, as may be prescribed by the Society in General Meeting; but no regulation made by the Society in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that regulation had not been made.

Authorisation of conflicts of interest

- 43A. In relation to any Director, the Board may, subject to and in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may think fit, from time to time authorise any matter in respect of which that Director has, or might be said to have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts or may be said to conflict, with the interests of the Society. In respect of any such authorisation that might be provided by the Board, it shall be provided that where a Director has obtained any information through his involvement in such a position of actual or potential conflict otherwise than as a Director of the Society and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person, the Director is under no obligation to:

- (a) disclose such information to the Directors or to any Director or other officer or employee of the Society;
- (b) use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a Director,

where to do so would amount to a breach of that duty of confidence and PROVIDED that such other person has itself acknowledged the Director's duty of confidentiality to the Society and has waived any requirement for the Director to disclose to that other person any confidential information belonging to or relating to the Society.

- 43B. Where, pursuant to any authorisation given to him under Article 43A or elsewhere in these Articles, a Director does or fails to do anything that would but for such authorisation be a breach of duty, he shall not, by reason of being a Director, be liable to the Society and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

Appointment of Executive Committee

44. Subject as aforesaid, the Board may appoint an Executive Committee for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit.

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| Powers of attorney                           | 45. | The Board may, from time to time and at any time, by power of attorney appoint any company, firm, person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board to be the attorney or attorneys of the Society for such purposes, and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Articles), and for such period, and subject to such conditions as it may think fit. Any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.  |
| Execution of cheques, etc.                   | 46. | All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for monies paid to the Society, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine.  |
| Distribution of receipts - general           | 47. | All monies received by the Society in respect of the exercise of the rights, licence or authority granted by the Members and the affiliated societies shall, subject to Article 48, be distributed or otherwise dealt with by the Board in accordance with the Rules.   |
| Distribution of receipts - specific purposes | 48. | <p>The Board may, before making any distribution among the Members:-</p> <p>(a) Apply out of the receipts such sums as it thinks proper or has agreed to contribute:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) as gratuities, donations, pensions and emoluments to any Member or ex-Member of the Society or any person at any time in the employment of the Society or engaged in any business acquired by the Society and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such persons;</li> <li>(ii) to any charitable or benevolent or similar fund which may be established for the benefit of Members, ex-Members or employees of the Society or their wives, widows, families or dependants;</li> <li>(iii) for the relief of human suffering;</li> <li>(iv) by way of loan or gift or on such terms as may be thought fit for any purpose conducive to the improvement or advancement of the composition, teaching or performance of music or for any other purpose calculated to benefit Members or to or for the benefit of any society, association or company whose objects shall include any such purpose;</li> <li>(v) to establish any fund, trust, association or institution to carry out any of the purposes referred to in (i) to (iv) hereof.</li> </ul> |

Provided that any payments under (ii), (iii) and (iv) hereof shall not in any one accounting year in aggregate exceed a sum which is equivalent to eighteen percent of the total of the amounts allocated to Members and affiliated societies during the preceding accounting year as shown in the Directors' Report and Accounts for that year adopted by the Society.

- (b) Set aside out of the receipts such sums as it thinks proper as a reserve fund to meet contingencies, or for future distribution, or for repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property or premises of the Society, and for such other purposes as the Board shall in its absolute discretion think necessary or conducive to the interests of the Society, and may invest the several sums so set aside in such investments as it may think fit, and from time to time deal with or vary such investments and dispose of all or any part thereof for the benefit of the Society, and may divide the reserve fund into such special funds as it thinks fit, and employ the reserve fund or any part thereof for the general purposes of the Society, and that without being bound to keep the same separate from the other assets.

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| Appointment of Chief Executive      | 49. | The Board may from time to time appoint any person (whether being a Member or not) as Chief Executive and/or other officer of the Society for such term and at such remuneration as it may think fit, and (subject to any contract entered into between the Board and such Chief Executive and/or other officer) may from time to time remove him and appoint some other person as Chief Executive and/or other officer in his place. |
| Powers of Chief Executive           | 50. | The Board may delegate to the Chief Executive and/or other officer all such of its administrative powers as aforesaid as it may deem necessary for the full and proper administration of the affairs of the Society.  |
| Regulation of expenses and salaries | 51. | The Board may regulate the general expenses of the Society and fix the salaries and emoluments of all employees, in consultation with the Chief Executive.  |
| Payment of expenses and liabilities | 52. | The Board shall pay and defray the expenses and liabilities of the Society, incurred in the exercise or enforcement of the rights vested in or controlled by the Society, out of the monies received by the Society in respect of the exercise or enforcement of such rights.   |
| Borrowing powers                    | 53. | The Board may from time to time borrow, raise or secure the payment of such sum or sums of money as it may deem requisite for any purpose which it may deem expedient in the interests of the Society, but not so as to charge any right or interest of any Member in respect of his works.   |

- Alteration of Rules
54. The Board may make, and from time to time alter, the Rules specified in Clause 3(d) of the Memorandum of Association, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may also make, and from time to time alter, separate or additional rules for regulating the provision, through trusts or associations, of gratuities, donations, or pensions for Members, ex-Members or employees of the Society, or their wives, widows, families or dependants. Provided that any Rules (other than such separate or additional rules) or any alterations of such Rules (other than as aforesaid) shall not take effect or come into operation unless or until the same have been approved by the Society in General Meeting.
- 54A The Board may establish procedures for investigating breaches by a Member of the provisions of these Articles or the Rules and Regulations of the Society or the conduct of a Member in his capacity as a member of the Society or conduct by a Member prejudicial to the interests of the Society and may establish a Disciplinary Panel for the purpose of hearing and determining complaints against Members and, where it finds a complaint proved, recommending penalties for consideration by the Board.
- 54B The Board shall establish:-
- (a) procedures for investigating a member's complaint that the Society has not acted towards that member in accordance with the Society's Constitution or the policies of the Board in force from time to time, and
  - (b) an independent review body for the purposes of hearing and determining unresolved complaints by members.
- Minutes
55. The Board shall cause minutes to be duly made in books for the purpose:-
- (i) of all appointments of officers made by the Board;
  - (ii) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Board, Executive Committee and of any other Committee of the Board; and
  - (iii) of all resolutions and proceedings of all meetings of the Society and of the Board, Executive Committee and of any other Committee of the Board;
- and any such minutes of any meeting of the Society, of the Board, Executive Committee, or of any other Committee of the Board, if purporting to be signed by the chairman of such meeting or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be receivable as *prima facie* evidence of the matters stated in such minutes. Every Director present at any meeting of the Board or Executive Committee and of any other Committee of the Board shall sign his name in a book to be kept for that purpose.

## DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

- Vacation of office of Director
56. (a) The office of Director shall be vacated:-
- (i) if the Director being a writer or publisher Director ceases to be a full Member; or, in the case of a Director appointed as the nominee of a Limited Company or firm, if such Company or firm ceases to be a full Member;
  - (ii) if, in the case of a Director appointed as the nominee of a Limited Company or firm, the Director ceases to hold the qualifications required for such nominees pursuant to Article 41;
  - (iii) if the Director becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (iv) if the Director becomes disqualified from being a Director by reason of any order made under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or the Insolvency Act 1986 (both as amended from time to time);
  - (v) if the Director becomes of unsound mind;
  - (vi) if the Director, by notice in writing to the Society, resigns his office;
  - (vii) if the Director without special leave of absence from the Board absents himself from two consecutive meetings of the Board provided that such absences shall not have effect under this part of the Article if the Board shall resolve before the end of the following Board meeting that the office of Director shall not be vacated; or
  - (viii) if the Director, or if a Limited Company or firm of which the Director is the nominee pursuant to Article 41, or of which he is a member, is directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the Society or participates in the profits of any contract with the Society, other than a contract in respect of any musical, literary or dramatic works in the copyright of which such Director, Limited Company or firm is interested. Provided, however, that a Director shall not vacate his office by reason of his having entered into contracts with or done any work for the Society or by reason of his being the nominee or a member of any Limited Company or firm which has entered into contracts with or done any work for the Society, if he shall have declared the nature of his interest or the nature of the interest of such Limited Company or firm in manner required by Section 177 and Section 182 of the Companies Act, but the Director shall not vote in respect of any such contract or

work or any matter arising thereout; and if he does so vote, his vote shall not be counted. Provided also that no Director shall vacate his office by reason of his being remunerated pursuant to Article 40.

- (ix) (Revoked 28.06.07);
- (x) if the Director being an executive director ceases to be in the employ of the Society; or
- (xi) if the Director being an external director becomes a member of, or is employed by the Society, or becomes directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the Society as specified under Article 56(a)(viii).

Limit on user-owned publisher Directors

- (b) Whenever the number of Directors representing publishers which are user (licensee)-owned exceeds three the offices of all those Directors representing user-owned publishers shall be vacated, and the Board shall thereupon re-appoint three Directors from those whose offices were vacated.

- (c) (Revoked 18.5.95)

Directors representing or employed by same company or group

- (d) If for any reason more than one Director (writer or publisher) holds office while being an executive Director, proprietor, partner, principal shareholder, or a manager or other officer in the employment of the same Limited Company or firm or another Limited Company or firm in the same group, the offices of all such Directors shall be vacated and the Board shall thereupon re-appoint one Director from those whose offices were so vacated.

- (e) Any vacancy in the Board occurring as a result of the vacation of offices pursuant to this Article and remaining unfilled after re-appointments made pursuant to this Article shall be treated as a casual vacancy and may be filled by the Board in accordance with Article 62.

- (f) The re-appointment of a Director under this Article shall not be taken into account for the purposes of Article 57, but such a Director shall be regarded as having been last appointed or last re-appointed on the date when he was last so appointed or re-appointed prior to his re-appointment under this Article.



## **RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS**

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| Retirement                                    | 57. | Subject to Articles 36 and 39, Directors shall retire from office at the third Annual General Meeting following that at which they were last appointed. Office as a Director prior to the adoption of this Article shall be deemed office as a Director for the purposes of this Article.  |
| Replacement or re-appointment                 | 58. | The Society at the Annual General Meeting at which any Director retires in manner aforesaid may, subject to Article 59, fill the vacancy by appointing any other person qualified pursuant to Article 41, in the place of the Director so retiring, but the person so appointed shall always have the same qualification as writer, publisher, executive or external Director as the Director in whose place he is appointed.  |
| Eligibility for appointment or re-appointment | 59. | <p>(a) A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-appointment.</p> <p>(b) No person shall be eligible for appointment or re-appointment as a Director at any General Meeting unless:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the person is proposed by the Board as an executive or external Director pursuant to Article 35 (c) or (d); or</li><li>(ii) a notice in writing signed by ten Full Members proposing the appointment of the person as a writer or publisher Director and a notice in writing signed by the person proposed expressing his willingness to be appointed or re-appointed as a writer or publisher Director shall have been left at the registered office of the Society not less than three calendar months before the day appointed for the meeting (the closing date); and</li><li>(iii) in the event that on the closing date there are more candidates than there are vacancies for either writer or publisher Directors, then the person shall have been successful for one of the number of vacancies against the other persons proposed as Directors in the same category in a ballot of Members who are entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Society and to receive notice thereof.</li></ul> <p>(c) The Board shall appoint scrutineers of any such ballot, which shall be carried out in accordance with regulations approved by the Society in General Meeting.</p> |

Removal of Director	60. The Society may by Ordinary Resolution, of which special notice has been given in accordance with Section 312 of the Companies Act, remove any Director, President, President of Honour, or Honorary Member of the Board, before the expiration of his period of office, notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Society and such person.
Filling vacancy caused by removal	61. The Society may by Ordinary Resolution, subject to Article 59, appoint any other person qualified pursuant to Article 41 in place of any Director removed from office under Article 60, but the person so appointed shall always have the same qualification as writer, publisher, executive or external Director in whose place he is appointed, and shall be subject to retirement at the same time as his immediate predecessor in office would have been. Provided that when such immediate predecessor in office was the President of the Society, the period of office of the person so appointed shall be reckoned from the date of his appointment.
Casual vacancy	62. The Board may, in the event of any casual vacancy occurring in the Board, fill such vacancy by appointing any person qualified pursuant to Article 41, other than a person who has been a member of the Board within the previous 12 months. The person so appointed shall always have the same qualification as writer, publisher, executive or external Director as the Director in whose place he is appointed, and shall be subject to retirement at the Annual General Meeting next following his appointment under this Article, for which he can be validly proposed for re-appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 59.
Director's change of employment	62A Subject to the provisions of Article 56 (d), a publisher Director who ceases to be in the employment of one full Member publisher but immediately thereupon enters the employment of another full Member publisher during his term of office shall be subject to retirement at the Annual General Meeting next following his change of employment for which he can be validly proposed for re-appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 59.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD,  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEES**

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| Meetings and voting                            | 63. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn or otherwise regulate its meetings, as it thinks fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall, subject to Article 37, have a second or casting vote. A Director or the Chief Executive may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director or of the Chief Executive shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Board, Executive Committee or of any other Committee of the Board. It shall not be necessary to give notice of any such meeting to any Director for the time being absent from the United Kingdom. |
| Quorum   | 64. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board, Executive Committee or of any other Committee of the Board may be fixed by the Board or as the case may be the Executive Committee, and, unless so fixed, shall be three.   |
| Power to act even without quorum               | 65. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Articles as the necessary quorum of the Board, the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number or of summoning a General Meeting of the Society, but for no other purpose.   |
| Chairman                                       | 66. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and if at any meeting of the Board the Chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, one of the Deputy Chairmen shall be Chairman of the meeting. If both of the Deputy Chairmen are present within such time, the Directors present may choose which of the two shall be Chairman, and, if neither of the Deputy Chairmen are present, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman.  |
| Committees                                     | 67. The Board and the Executive Committee may delegate any of their respective powers to Committees consisting of such Director or Directors and employees as they think fit. Any Committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Board or, as the case may be, the Executive Committee.  |
| Chairman of Executive Committee and Committees | 68. The Executive Committee and any other Committee may elect a chairman of its meetings. If no such chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.  |

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| Executive Committee and other Committees - meeting and voting | 69. | The Executive Committee and any other Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Directors present, and in case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall, subject to Article 37, have a second or casting vote.   |
| Validation of appointment of Directors                        | 70. | All acts done by any meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee, or of any other Committee of the Board, or by any person acting as a Director, shall, notwithstanding that it may afterwards be discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Directors or persons acting as aforesaid, and that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director.   |
| Resolutions in writing  | 71. | A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee, or of any other Committee of the Board, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at such a meeting duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the directors so entitled.   |
|   | 71A | <p>(a) Subject to Article 71A(b), a resolution in writing signed by a Special Majority of Qualifying Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of such Directors duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Qualifying Directors.</p> <p>(b) A resolution under Art 71A(a) shall not be effective unless a Notice in the prescribed form has been given to all Qualifying Directors by such means and to such address as the Director shall have supplied for the purposes of receiving communications from the Society relating to meetings of Directors.</p> <p>(c) For the purposes of Article 71A(b), a Notice shall be in the "prescribed form" if (and only if) the Notice –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) is specified to be a notice of a written resolution under this Article; and</li> <li>(ii) includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the terms of the resolution;</li> <li>b. in respect of the resolution, the number of Qualifying Directors required to constitute the Special Majority; and</li> <li>c. the Specified Date.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(c) For the purposes of this Article -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) "Notice" means the notice of resolution referred to in Article 71A(b);</li> <li>(ii) "Special Majority" means not less than two-thirds of the Qualifying Directors;</li> </ul> |

- (iii) "Qualifying Director" means any Director entitled to vote on the resolution concerned (including any Director for the time being absent from the United Kingdom);
- (iv) "Specified Date" means the date specified in the Notice as the earliest date on which the resolution, if signed by a majority of the Qualifying Directors is to take effect, which shall not be less than 24 hours after Notice is given.

### **THE SECRETARY**

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| Appointment of Secretary     | 72. | The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board for such term, at such remuneration, and upon such conditions, as it may think fit; and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Board.   |
| Director acting as Secretary | 73. | A provision of the Companies Act or these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary. |

### **THE SEAL**

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| Method of affixing seal | 74. | The Seal of the Society shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Board, or (if authorised by the Board for that purpose) of the Executive Committee or of any Committee of the Board and in the presence of one Director and the Secretary or such other person as the Board may appoint for the purpose; and the Director and Secretary or other person as aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the Seal of the Society is so affixed in their presence. |
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### **ACCOUNTS**

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| Accounts to be kept | 75. | The Board shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) all sums of money received and expended by the Society and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure take place; and</li> <li>(ii) the assets and liabilities of the Society.</li> </ul> |
| Books of account    | 76. | The books of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Society, or at such other place or places in Great Britain as the Board thinks fit, and shall be open to the inspection of the Directors.   |

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| Inspection of books of accounts     | 77. | The Board shall from time to time determine whether, and to what extent, and at what times and places, and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the Society or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Members not being Directors, and no Member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Society, except as conferred by statute, or authorised by the Board, or by the Society in General Meeting. |
| Accounts, balance sheets and report | 78. | (Revoked 26.06.08)   |
| Copies of balance sheet and report  | 79. | Subject to Article 6(b), a copy of every balance sheet, together with a copy of the Auditor's report, shall be sent or made available to all Members, by such means as the Board shall decide (including by way of electronic communication in accordance with Article 83A), before the date of the Annual General Meeting next following. Provided that this Article shall not require a copy of these documents to be sent to any person of whose address the Society is not aware.            |

### **AUDIT**

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| Auditors to be appointed | 80. | Auditors shall be appointed in accordance with Sections 485 to 488 of the Companies Act provided that any re-appointment of auditors shall be an actual (and not a deemed) re-appointment. |
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### **NOTICES**

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| Method of giving notice   | 81. | A notice may be given by the Society to any Member either personally or by sending it by post to him to his registered address or in any other manner permitted in these Articles or by the Companies Act.  |
| Service by post           | 82. | Where a notice to a Member is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of twenty-four hours after the letter containing the same is posted, and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post. |
| Notice of General Meeting | 83. | Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in some manner herein authorised to (i) every full and associate Member and (ii) the Auditors for the time being of the Society. No other persons shall be entitled to receive notices of General Meetings.  |

Communications  
– means of communication to be used

- 83A. Unless otherwise expressly provided in these Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Society under the Articles or the Companies Act may be sent or supplied in any way in which Schedules 4 and 5 of the Companies Act provides for documents or information to be sent or supplied by or to the company for the purposes of the Companies Act. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, any notice or other document or information to be given, sent or supplied by the Society to Members under these Articles may be given, sent or supplied by the Society by making it available on the Society's website.
- 83B. This Article applies where, on two consecutive occasions, notices, documents or information sent or supplied by post have been returned undelivered. In that event the member is not entitled to receive any notices, documents or information from the Society unless and until the member gives the Society a new address where notices, documents or information can be sent or supplied.

### **INDEMNITY**

Directors and officers entitled to indemnity

84. (a) The Board of the Society may in any case in which it is alleged that an employee of the Society has acted improperly in relation to any of the affairs of the Society resolve to render such employee harmless and/or to indemnify them, their heirs, executors or administrators in respect of any claim for loss or damage whether arising by reason of negligence, breach of duty or breach of contract (fraud excepted) in relation to any act, omission, default or neglect touching and concerning the business of the Society whether or not such act, omission, default or neglect causes loss to the Society, any member thereof or to any third party.
- (b) The Board may to the extent permitted by Section 232 or Section 532 of the Companies Act or any re-enactment thereof indemnify any officer of the Society or any person employed by the Society as auditor against such liability incurred by them in defending any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) in which judgement is given in their favour or they are acquitted in connection with any application under Section 1157 of the Companies Act or any re-enactment thereof, in which relief is granted to them by the Court.

- (c) Subject always to the operation of any statutory limitation, the Board may indemnify any Director in respect of any liability other than for fraud or dishonesty arising out of or in connection with any proceedings brought against him in his capacity as a Director of an Affiliated society PROVIDED that any indemnity so given shall only be for that liability in respect of which the Affiliated society has neither undertaken to indemnify the Director nor purchased any contract of insurance on his behalf.

### **WINDING UP**

- Procedure on winding-up
85. In the event of and upon the winding up of the Society whether voluntary or otherwise at any time, the assets of the Society (other than the performing right vested in or controlled by the Society pursuant to these Articles and any sums distributable in accordance with the Rules) shall, in so far as they are available for the purpose, be apportioned among the persons who are Members at the date of such winding up in the proportions in which such Members received distributions from the Society in respect of the year ending on the 31st day of December immediately prior to such winding up; and the rights (if any) vested in the Society by any Member, or controlled by the Society by virtue of his membership, shall revert to such Member or his personal representative.









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